

Estimates Committee 2009 Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Extraction rates - government bores

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Question: **8-20**
Minister, the Power and Water have licence to a maximum extraction rate for the Girraween bores, they may not necessarily be extracting up to that level. My question is: how much water in mega litres are the government bores extracting per year?

Answer:
Answered On:
Answer: The Power Water Corporation has a licence to pump groundwater from the Howard East aquifer. This licence permits the extraction of groundwater from four bores near McMinns lagoon (called the McMinns Borefield) and two bores in Girraween (Howard East Borefield). The licence allows for an annual groundwater extraction of 8420ML from all six bores with monthly extraction limits also imposed.
In 2008-09 to date the McMinns Borefield has extracted 3639ML and the Howard East Borefield has extracted 1521ML.