

Estimates Committee 2004 **Questions Taken On Notice**

(22/06/2004 to 01/10/2004)

Date: 29/06/2004

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Subject: Future water supply sites

From: Mr Stephen DUNHAM to Power and Water Corporation
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Question:

Could I ask the Power and Water Corporation to investigate whether some of the potential future water supply sites for Alice Springs are on Owen Springs Station, which is a government owned property, and whether those sites have been reserved for the exclusive use of Power and Water for the potential of the water supply for Alice Springs?

Answer:

Answered On: 06/07/2004

Answer: We understand from the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment (DIPE) that there are not any substantial groundwater resources located within Owen Springs Station which may be utilised for the Alice Springs water supply in the near future. The current water supply (near Roe Creek) is just north of Owens Springs Station. The aquifer formation which provides Alice Springs water supply dips dramatically away from this location but returns to the surface about 15km away on Undoolya Station along the Santa Teresa Road. An area has been identified in this area as a potential future site for water supply infrastructure. Any future water supply however is subject to an assessment and allocation process managed by DIPE.