

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 65

asked on Tuesday, 6 March 2018

MR LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) whether SunWater is currently undertaking an underwater survey of Tinaroo Falls Dam in relation to the removal of tree stumps and other water safety issues for dam users, (b) the cost of any study, (c) the level of consultation undertaken and (d) the status of the dam (i.e. is it closed and for how long)?

ANSWER:

- (a) SunWater has commissioned and is currently undertaking an underwater survey to assess the extent of submerged hazards within an approximate 500 hectare area of Lake Tinaroo.
- (b) The underwater survey is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000.
- (c) The survey was commissioned by SunWater with the support of the Tinaroo Safety Reference Group. This group consists of local residents and representatives of multiple water sports clubs, tourism operators, Maritime Safety Queensland, the Queensland Police Service, the State Emergency Service, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Tablelands Regional Council, traditional owners and SunWater.
- (d) Tinaroo Falls Dam is not closed. Following significant catchment rainfall, the lake rose by more than 1.5 metres between 7 March 2018 and 9 March 2018. Maritime Safety Queensland cancelled all temporary speed limits on Lake Tinaroo, effective 9 March 2018, following advice from SunWater.