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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: SENATOR MACDONALD

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Senator IAN MACDONALD—On notice, can you let me know what your department knows or is doing in relation to the Gilbert River Green Hills dam proposal? Can you also, on notice, find out if the minister has made some comments and, if so, where I would see those? If I cannot, you could perhaps get him to repeat them to me.

Answer:

The Gilbert River Green Hills dam proposal is an initiative of the Gulf Savannah Development Corporation and Etheridge Shire Council. The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government is an observer on the Gilbert River Infrastructure Profile Working Group, assisting the Group in their engagement with relevant Commonwealth agencies, as appropriate. The Gilbert River Infrastructure Profile Working Group, which is chaired by the Queensland Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI), is developing an Investment Profile to assess private sector interest in the proposal.

The Department is not aware of any media releases or transcripts in which the Minister has commented on the Gilbert River Green Hills dam proposal.