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Mr Paul Harriss MLC
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Attention: Tom Wise

Dear Mr Harriss,

I refer to your letter of 10 December 2012 in which you formally requested information that was undertaken to be provided to the Government Businesses Scrutiny Committee during Tasmanian Irrigation's appearance before the Committee on 6 December 2012.

Detail on those matters is set out in the attachment to this letter.

I trust this concludes the Committee's examination of the business performance of Tasmanian Irrigation for the 2011/12 financial year.

Yours sincerely

Bryan Green MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Water

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RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY GOVERNMENT BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE A (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL) – TASMANIAN IRRIGATION

1) Matrix depicting original list of projects, current projects being progressed and possible projects

ORIGINAL PROJECTS	COMMENT	ADDED PROJECTS	COMMENT	TRANCHE 2	COMMENT
Headquarters Rd Irrigation Scheme	Built and operating. Name changed to Great Forester Irrigation Scheme	Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme	Transferred to Tranche 2	Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme	Carry over from Tranche 1 (formerly known as Shannon Clyde scheme)
Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme	Built and operating	South East Irrigation Scheme Stage 3	Water sales process underway. Proceeding in development as Tranche 1 project	Scottsdale Irrigation Scheme	Carry over from Tranche 1 (formerly known as Great Forester Brid scheme)
Winnaleah Irrigation Scheme augmentation	Built and operating	Swan Irrigation Scheme	Transferred to Tranche 2	North Esk Irrigation Scheme	New Scheme in Evandale and White Hills region
Whitemore Irrigation Scheme	Built and operating			Swan Irrigation Scheme	New scheme carry over from Tranche 1
Shannon Clyde Irrigation Scheme	Transferred to Tranche 2. Renamed Southern Highlands Irrigation Scheme			Circular Head Irrigation Scheme	New scheme
Midlands Water Scheme	Under construction			Dial Blythe Irrigation Scheme	New scheme which is a carry over from Tranche 1
Meadstone Dam	Abandoned, insufficient demand				
Upper Macquarie	Subsumed into Midlands				
Lower South Esk Irrigation Scheme	Under construction				
North East dams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upper Ringarooma – water sales completed. Proceeding in development as Tranche 1 project. Great Forester Brid – transferred to Tranche 2 				
Forth	Construction commenced. Name changed to Kindred North Motton Irrigation Scheme				

2) Breakdown of the successful companies that have participated in the rollout of irrigation schemes so far

Lower South Esk Irrigation Scheme

- Construction and supply awarded entirely to Tasmanian companies, principally Gradco (Milford dam), Andrew Walters Construction (pump station and pipeline) and Zezt (pipe supply).

Whitemore Irrigation Scheme

- Construction and supply awarded entirely to Tasmanian companies, principally Trenching Systems Australia (installation of distribution pipes), Lloyds North (pumps), Zezt (pipe supply), Pearns (dam construction)

Kindred North Motton scheme

- Construction and supply overwhelming awarded to Tasmanian companies, principally VEC (overall construction and installation), Zezt (pipe supply) and Shaw Contracting (dam construction).
- The contract for valves was awarded to the non-Tasmanian company, Bermad (approx. \$300,000 of total project value of \$10.6m).

Great Forester Irrigation Scheme

- Construction and supply awarded entirely to Tasmanian companies, principally Hall Earthmoving (dam and overall construction).

Winnaleah Irrigation Scheme Augmentation

- Construction and supply awarded entirely to Tasmanian companies, principally Shaw Contracting (dam rehabilitation and overall construction), Tyco (pipe supply) and Arowana Energy (telemetry).

Sassafras Wesley Vale Irrigation Scheme

- Construction was awarded to a joint venture between Tasmanian company VEC Contracting and Leed (of South Australia).
- The supply of pipeline was awarded to Vinindex ex Victoria.

Midlands Water Scheme

- Tasmanian company Hazell Bros awarded construction of 104km of distribution pipeline, construction of Floods Creek Dam, installation of all property outlets, three pump stations and river discharge outlets.
- Supply of distribution pipeline awarded to the Tasmanian company Zezt Pty Ltd.
- Non-Tasmanian company Fulton Hogan Australia Pty Ltd awarded supply and installation of the 34 km high pressure Arthurs Supply Line, mini-hydro electric plant and 15 km of electricity transmission lines. Fulton Hogan sub-contracts most of the construction work to Tasmanian companies, except mini-hydro supply which has been awarded to NZ company, Hydroworks.

Meadowbank pump-back repairs & emergency drought-relief schemes (Bothwell/South East)

- Awarded entirely to Tasmanian companies, principally Spectrum.