

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2012

### WATER PRICING

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:46):** My question is to the Minister for Water. What modelling has the government done in regard to the impact of the increases in water price to the viability of running livestock in this state? Many producers have contacted me indicating that the high water price—which has increased 70¢ per kilolitre from \$2.75 per kilolitre in 2011-12 to \$3.45 per kilolitre as of 1 July 2012, and almost tripled the price of 2007-08, which was at that time \$1.16 per kilolitre—will have a huge effect which will make running livestock unviable and this will have a significant impact on the food production capability of this state.

**The Hon. P.F. CONLON:** Point of order. Not only does it contain argument, the argument virtually answers the question. He has just said it would be unviable. It is an argument and it is out of order.

Members interjecting:

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**The SPEAKER:** Order! I agree. I uphold that point of order. Member for Hammond, you need to be careful about your explanations. However, there was a question at the start of it and the minister should be given the opportunity to respond to it if he wishes to.