

RIVER MURRAY DROUGHT MANAGEMENT – July 3, 2008

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:27): My question is to the Minister for Water Security. Does the minister concede that it will rain within the Murray-Darling catchment this year, but that rainfall that will be captured and retained in Victoria and New South Wales will not flow into South Australia?

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Small Business, Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Trade) (14:27): I do not concede anything.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (14:28): I have a supplementary question. Exactly how much rain is required to avert the Lower Lakes and Riverland catastrophe the minister foreshadowed on ABC Radio this morning?

The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Small Business, Minister Assisting the Minister for Industry and Trade) (14:28): Well and truly above average rainfall.