

## RIVER MURRAY - LOWER LAKES

11 September 2008

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:12):** My question is to the Minister for Water Security. Was the minister aware from the outset that a significant part of the \$610 million promised by the commonwealth government for water infrastructure in the Lower Lakes will be used to build the government's weir near Wellington? The opposition has been advised that over \$200 million of the \$610 million will be spent on the government's weir near Wellington.

**The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security) (15:13):** You're wrong. The \$610 million is about a Murray Futures project. It is about the future, it is not about dealing with the current drought issues.

**The Hon. R.J. McEwen:** You're wrong.

**The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD:** You're wrong.

*Members interjecting:*

**The SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (15:13):** Can the minister confirm that the steel for the construction of the weir has already been ordered from the manufacturer in Germany?

**The Hon. K.A. MAYWALD (Chaffey—Minister for the River Murray, Minister for Water Security) (15:14):** SA Water, I am advised, has called for tenders for the supply of the sheet piling, should we need to purchase it. No; it has not been purchased or ordered as yet, I am advised.