

The Hon. PENNY SHARPE: I am very interested in what happened last year and the impact that it had on the community down the river. I have been a little surprised to learn that there seems to be a complete lack of analysis after the fact about what actually happened—a structured review of what happened, who it affected and what you would do differently if it happened again. I am wondering if either of your councils—probably not yours so much, Mr Evans—has looked at that. Who has taken responsibility for that sort of analysis? If it is happening, are the right people at the table? If it is not happening at all, can you let me know.

ACTING CHAIR: Before you answer the question I would like to acknowledge that we have year 10 students from Denilquin High School observing us at work this morning. We will now be on our best behaviour.

The Hon. RICK COLLESS: We will all be under pressure.

Mr DALZELL: To give a full answer to that question, I would like to take it on notice. There are discussions that our administrator and general manager probably had, but unfortunately they were unable to attend today. I want to make sure about the discussions that they had. As an operator, and in my position, there has been little. I am sure organisations involved with the maintenance of the river are having those debriefs and things like that. We have been able to have some discussions with the State Emergency Service, organised through the regional councils, but that is more with an emergency management-type focus rather than river management. We would still feel there are some unanswered questions there, and we would definitely want the opportunity to discuss them and give other members of our community that opportunity. My understanding at the moment is that there has been little broad stakeholders-type discussion outside of the people who manage the river. I am happy to take that on notice.

Following the hearing I discussed this matter with Mr Barry Barlow, Council's Acting Interim General Manager. Mr Barlow has advised that neither he nor Council's Administrator, Mr Ashley Hall, has had discussions with any State Government department or office regarding the flooding the region during September/October 2016. Based on this information Council has not been asked to be part of any briefing sessions relating to the flood or river operations during this time.