

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Industry and Transport
Water Augmentation

At Moree on Monday 15 May 2017

Mr Daniel Kahl

The Hon. RICK COLLESS: Just go back to the 10,000 of your entitlement. What proportion of that have you been getting in the longer term? I know you said in the last couple of years it has been very low, but do you have any figures over the past 10 years?

Answer:

I have included the figures below which come from this report:

http://www.water.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/547651/model_river_water_availability_mdb_reg_rivers.pdf

Table 3.3 Reliability / water availability – Namoi Regulated River

Percentage of time full entitlement is available at start of water year (1 July) HS - 100% GS - 50%

Percentage of time full entitlement is available at end of water year (30 June) HS - 100% GS - 84%

Average effective available water on 1 July HS - 100% GS - 95%

Average cumulative AWD for water year HS - 100% GS - 76%

Average annual percentage of the entitlement used (rounded to 5%) – GS - 80% SUPP - 30%

Long term extraction factor HS - 0.95 GS - 0.76 SUPP - 0.18

These figures demonstrate the reliability figures being used in our valley. Of course, seasonal variation of these figures for individual enterprises would depend on their planting decisions, what rain assistance they might have during any given cropping season, and how much water they indeed had to order to support their crops in any given year.