

WASTEWATER — RECYCLING

2133. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:

I refer to the 30 per cent target for recycling of Western Australia's waste water by 2030 promised during the 2013 State election and ask:

- (a) what plans does the Government have in place to meet this target;
- (b) is the Government adopting a cross government approach;
- (c) what is the expected cost of the target;
- (d) what is the expected total cost of infrastructure required to meet the target; and
- (e) what is the expected cost of the target beyond the forward estimates?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (a) The report *Water Forever, Whatever the Weather: 10-year plan for Western Australia* published in June 2012 articulates the Water Corporation plan for water supply to the State, including the achievement of the 30 per cent recycling target. An update on progress was published in the report *Water Forever, Whatever the Weather: Water Recycling and Water Efficiency*, published in May 2013.
- (b) Yes
- (c) The long term nature of this target means the cost is not set. It is dependent, project to project, on demand and supply opportunities, third party investment, cross government contributions such as the depth of advice, resources and implementation of policy required, the identification of different recycling opportunities and the competitive environment to deliver those opportunities.
- (d) Major recycling initiatives, such as the groundwater replenishment, and on-site water recycling projects, are reflected in Water Corporation's forward projections. Groundwater Replenishment Project Stage 1 is currently estimated at \$118m.
- (e) See response to (c).