

WATER CORPORATION — REDUNDANCIES

1021. Mr D.J. KELLY to the Minister for Water:

I refer to reports that there will be significant redundancies numbering in the hundreds at the Water Corporation due to the government's poor financial management.

- (1) Will there be further redundancies at the Water Corporation during this financial year?
- (2) If yes, how many will there be; what classification of workers will be involved; and when will they occur?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

I think the member for the question. I, too, on behalf of the members of the National Party, offer our condolences to the Leader of the National Party for the loss of his brother and also to Phil Hughes and his family.

- (1)–(2) There have been some announcements of redundancies in recent days. The Water Corporation is not immune to the circumstances that the state faces at the moment. It is continually looking at finding efficiencies in its business. It goes through a very rigorous process with all of its business units and it would be expected that its business of delivering a significant resource and essential service to the state of Western Australia is to be run efficiently while using taxpayers' dollars effectively. The Water Corporation is still going through the process and I am sure that as it makes that assessment on its business units it is constantly in conversation with its employees. There have been some announcements and I expect the Water Corporation, as an organisation that has considerable taxpayers' dollars, always to be looking for efficiencies. It will not be doing that at the expense of important and critical jobs, and I have every faith that it will conduct itself in the way the state government expects it to.