

WATER CORPORATION — “STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN”

**925. Mr D.J. KELLY to the Minister for Water:**

I refer to comments by the Water Corporation chief executive officer, Sue Murphy, that the “Strategic Development Plan 2014–15–2018–19” has now been approved by both the minister and the Treasurer.

- (1) Will the minister confirm that the Water Corporation’s “Strategic Development Plan” has total payments to government climbing from \$753 million in 2014–15 to over \$1.1 billion in 2018–19?
- (2) Is it not true that this massive increase in payments to the government is achieved because the minister and the Treasurer have approved six per cent increases in water charges for each of the next five years?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) The “Strategic Development Plan” that the member refers to, as we have discussed in this house previously, is in fact a planning document. It is a discussion between me and the Water Corporation.

**Mr D.J. Kelly:** It is a legal requirement that you must comply with.

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** Yes, it is; the member is correct, but it is a planning document. The statement of corporate intent is the document that outlines what will happen in the coming year. The SDP is what we are discussing will take place over the next five years. The member made a statement on Sunday about the six per cent increases as though it were some revelation. In the budget papers we indicated, for planning purposes, that there would be increases of six per cent across the next forward estimates.