

WATER CORPORATION — FIRE HYDRANTS

3125. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Water:

Can the Minister advise the following in relation to fire hydrants:

- (a) what is the total number of fire hydrants which the Water Corporation now has responsibility for;
- (b) since taking over the maintenance of fire hydrants from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services has the Water Corporation conducted a State wide audit/inspection of all fire hydrants to ensure their location is accurate, and if not, what areas/ towns have not been audited;
- (c) can the Minister advise how many hydrants currently require repair;
- (d) what is the average waiting time for these repairs to be finalized; and
- (e) are there key performance indicators for how often hydrants are inspected and maintenance undertaken, and if so, what are they?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (a) The Water Corporation is now responsible for the maintenance of approximately 70 000 hydrants across the State.
- (b) No. The Water Corporation has not implemented an audit/inspection program of fire hydrants to confirm the locations.

Within gazetted Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) areas DFES still retains responsibility for hydrant inspection as per the DFES Operating Standard and submits information on location and condition to Water Corporation.

Outside of DFES areas, the management of inspections is by local government, in accordance with DFES requirements.
- (c) As at 23 October 2014, 494 hydrant (includes both general customer generated work orders and DFES requests) are identified as being in the process of being scheduled for repair.
- (d) As at 23 October 2014, the average waiting time for all requested hydrant repairs is approximately 35 calendar days.
- (e) DFES, as per its Hydrant Operating Standard, is responsible for the inspection and condition assessment of hydrants to ensure hydrant safety and accessibility in its areas. Local governments have the same responsibility in their areas of control.