

UNITED UTILITIES AUSTRALIA - NEGOTIATIONS WITH STATE GOVERNMENT

909. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Treasurer:

Has an independent negotiator been appointed to mediate between United Utilities Australia, a proponent of the Esperance-Goldfields desalination plant and pipeline, and the state government in relation to the supply of water to the goldfields by UUA, as per a recommendation of the interdepartmental report into this matter; and, if not, when will the appointment occur?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for the question but unfortunately I do not have a response. I apologise and I hope the member will ask the question next week.