

WATER CORPORATION — CHAIRMAN — RESIGNATION

14. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the resignation of the now ex-chairman of the Water Corporation, Mr Mike Hollett, two months after his reappointment to that position.

- (1) What contact did the minister and/or his staff have with Mr Hollett and the CEO of the Water Corporation, Mr Pat Donovan, in the weeks preceding Mr Hollett's resignation?
- (2) What contact did the minister and/or his staff have with any other board member of the Water Corporation in the weeks preceding Mr Hollett's resignation?
- (3) When did the minister become aware of Mr Hollett's resignation and how and by whom was the minister advised?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Water has provided the following information.

- (1) From the beginning of 2020 to Mr Hollett's resignation on 15 January 2020, neither I nor my staff met with the CEO of Water Corporation, Mr Pat Donovan, or Mr Hollett. My chief of staff had a number of telephone conversations with Mr Donovan during this period.
- (2) From the beginning of 2020 to Mr Hollett's resignation on 15 January 2020, my chief of staff had a number of telephone conversations with deputy chair David Lock on a number of issues.
- (3) My chief of staff advised me by telephone on 15 January 2020 that Mr Hollett had resigned.