

WATER CORPORATION — ANNUAL REPORT

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

I have a supplementary question. Is it not the case that the government has massively increased water charges to customers and that that has in part delivered a bigger than expected dividend that the government is going to use to plug up its budgetary mismanagement?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

I think I actually just ran through the reasons that we have seen a larger than anticipated net accrual to government, and it relates to developer contributions, non-standard work carried out on behalf of customers that we did not anticipate doing any work for, and ongoing efficiency drives within the organisation to ensure that we have the best value for money for taxpayers and the government. Those are the reasons for the increased number —

Mr D.J. Kelly: Nothing to do with increasing water charges?

Ms M.J. DAVIES: I do not think I need to say it again; I think I have said it twice. I have actually given the member an answer.