

GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT TRIAL — CONTINUATION

2138. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:

I refer to the plan to continue with the groundwater replenishment trial, with an expansion to seven gigalitres per year promised during the 2013 State election and ask:

- (a) on what date will the seven gigalitre target be met;
- (b) what was the expected cost of the project in 2013 and what is the expected cost now;
- (c) what is the total cost of the project;
- (d) what is the current status of the project; and
- (e) what is the cost of the project beyond the forward estimates?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (a) The expansion of the Groundwater Replenishment Trial is scheduled for completion by July 2016.
- (b) The estimated cost of the project in 2013 was \$116m.
- (c) Bids are currently being sought for this project and it is expected to be within budget.
- (d) The works are being designed and priced by two proponents under a competitive alliance delivery model.
- (e) The expected cost of the project beyond the forward estimates is \$0.6m.