

WATER CORPORATION — CHAIRMAN — RESIGNATION

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

I refer to two of the answers that the minister gave yesterday to my questions about the events of the first 15 days of this year, which led to the resignation of the now ex-chairman of the Water Corporation.

- (1) Why did the minister's chief of staff communicate with the deputy chair of the Water Corporation board instead of the chairman of the board during the aforementioned period?
- (2) At what times and on which dates during the aforementioned period did the minister's chief of staff discuss "several matters including the unresolved issues between the Water Corporation board and the former chairman"?
- (3) What were the "unresolved issues between the Water Corporation board and the former chairman" to which the minister referred?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

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

- (1) The deputy chairman communicated with my chief of staff to keep her apprised of the unresolved issues between the then chairman and the board.
- (2) On approximately five occasions, between 9 January 2020 and the resignation of the chairman on 15 January 2020.
- (3) On legal advice, I am not able to provide further details at this stage.