

WATER CORPORATION — JOB LOSSES

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

I have a supplementary question. Everything the minister has just said is completely contrary to the Water Corporation's own five-year plan put out fewer than 12 months ago. Rather than make a few bland statements in Parliament, will the minister release what is now obviously a renewed or reviewed plan before she puts 300 people on the scrap heap?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

For goodness sake! The member clearly does not understand what that strategic development plan is for. It is a five-year forward planning document that gets reviewed every year. Member, go back over what we have made in investment in the last 12 months alone. The state government made the decision to go forward with the groundwater replenishment scheme.

Mr D.J. Kelly interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean!

Ms M.J. DAVIES: That changes the assumptions that the organisation makes. That is one of many decisions that were made in the last 12 months that changes the assumptions going forward.

Mr D.J. Kelly: That is complete rubbish!

Ms M.J. DAVIES: The member can have his opinion, but I am telling him the reality of the situation. We need to make sure that the right people are in the right jobs doing the right thing so that we deliver an efficient, safe and reliable service for the taxpayers of Western Australia. No state government is going to compromise on the delivery of an essential service in this state.