

WATER CORPORATION — CHAIRMAN — RESIGNATION

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

I refer to the answers the minister provided yesterday to my questions concerning the resignation of the now ex-chairman of the Water Corporation, Mr Mike Hollett.

- (1) On how many occasions did the minister and/or his staff have any interactions with Mr Hollett in 2019; what was the nature of those interactions; and who were the parties to those interactions?
- (2) What subject matter was discussed during the multiple phone conversations between the minister's chief of staff and the deputy chair of the Water Corporation in the 15 days leading up to and including Mr Hollett's resignation on 15 January 2020?
- (3) Did the minister's chief of staff converse or interact with Mr Hollett, or attempt to converse or interact with Mr Hollett, during the same period referred to in (2)?
- (4) How, when and from whom did the minister's chief of staff learn of Mr Hollett's resignation?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

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

- (1) Throughout 2019, myself and my staff met with Mr Hollett on at least 15 occasions, although there may have been other interactions at events. These meetings included regular meetings with the CEO and staff of the Water Corporation, Water Corporation events, meetings with the Water Corporation board and interviews of potential board candidates.
- (2) My staff discussed several matters including the unresolved issues between the Water Corporation board and the former chairman.
- (3) No.
- (4) My chief of staff was advised on 15 January of Mr Hollett's resignation, via email, by Mr Hollett himself.