

WATER LICENSING FEES — REGULATIONS

175. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to the widespread concern and confusion in the community about water licensing fees and to the Legislative Assembly's Economics and Industry Standing Committee's report tabled on 28 February 2008.

- (1) Will the minister withdraw the latest set of regulations for water licence administration fees?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Barry House for some notice of the question.

- (1)-(2) The assertion in the preamble of "widespread concern and confusion in the community" is not supported by any particular facts or even the findings in the report referred to by the member. No reason is given for why the minister should consider withdrawing the water licence administration fees.