

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT — LEGISLATION

20. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website regarding the consolidation of six different water resources acts into the proposed water resources management act.

- (1) What is the time frame for completion?
- (2) Will the community and stakeholders actively participate in a process for the development of the new act; and, if yes, in what manner?
- (3) What consultation with stakeholders and community has been done so far and in relation to which parts?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

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

- (1) The water resources management bill is currently being drafted and will be introduced to Parliament once drafting has been completed.
- (2)–(3) The water resources reform reference group, which includes key community stakeholders, has been consulted on the water resources management bill over a number of years and this will continue.