

WATER CORPORATION — BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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

Before I ask my question, I would like to acknowledge the presence in the gallery of the hardworking members of the parents and friends association from St Michael's School in Bassendean. I trust they are enjoying question time.

Further to the question asked yesterday by the member for Collie–Preston about the resignation of key persons at the Forest Products Commission —

- (1) Can the minister confirm that three of the six non-executive directors of the Water Corporation have either resigned or indicated that they do not wish to have their current terms extended?
- (2) What reasons did each director give for not wanting to continue on the board?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

- (1)–(2) Three directors have indicated that they will not continue on the board. Two of them came to the end of their current terms. The chair of the Water Corporation has structured renewals so that a third of the board is turned over at a time, to give continuity in decision-making. The two directors who have decided not to continue gave a mixture of reasons, including other business opportunities that had arisen, and balancing the schedule that is expected of a director of the Water Corporation. One of the members indicated that they would not be continuing and resigned in advance of the end of their term. That is something the member can discuss with that director; I am not discussing the individual and personal context of that discussion, other than that particular member indicated that he did not wish to continue on the board. As such, we have moved to replace those directors. Two of those directors had come to the end of their term. We had set up a structure with the chair, who advised that, from her experience, it was good to have a turnover that did not require the entire board being turned over at the same time.