

WATER CORPORATION — AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

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

I have a supplementary question. The Auditor General's report stated that the network needed more investment, not less. Will the minister demand that cabinet reinstates that \$350 million from the asset investment program or is the minister happy to see the Water Corporation —

Mr T.R. Buswell interjected.

The SPEAKER: Treasurer, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr D.J. KELLY: Will the minister now ask cabinet —

Withdrawal of Remark

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Mr Speaker, I wish to inquire as to whether you will require the Treasurer to withdraw the words "you goose".

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: Accordingly, I withdraw the use of the words "you goose" to describe the member for Bassendean.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.J. KELLY: The question I was going to ask is: will the minister ask cabinet to reinstate that \$350 million from the asset investment program or is she happy to see the Water Corp continue to lose 43 billion litres of water a year?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

The member was not listening to the answer. There have been no cancellations or deferrals to the asset investment program across —

Mr D.J. Kelly: Are you happy about the 43 billion!

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean!

Ms M.J. DAVIES: Listen to the answer. There have been no deferrals. The same projects will be delivered at a lower cost and with increased —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, can you wind this up, please.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: Certainly, Mr Speaker.

There have been no cancellations or deferrals to the asset investment program. We are taking the recommendations from the Auditor General's report on board, and the Water Corporation has already started to work towards investing more in its assets. We have already started to do that. I am very confident that we are on track. It is a complex business. We deliver water of a very high quality to thousands and thousands of customers and we do it very well.

The SPEAKER: We have been going for half an hour and have answered very few questions, so can I have short, concise questions and short, concise answers.