

WATER CORPORATION, WHITEWATER PARK

807. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Minister for Government Enterprises:

I refer to question without notice 753 asked on 24 September 2004. In his answer, the minister indicated that a sum of \$10.85 million had been programmed on 4 April 2000 over the financial years between 2000 and 2003.

- (1) In which program was the provision made?
- (2) When was it removed from the program, and why?
- (3) Under that provision, did the Water Corporation ever support or consider a feasibility study for a proposed whitewater park at Champion Lake in the city of Armadale?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1) It was made under the commercial program.
- (2) The Water Corporation funded two feasibility studies. The first, in March 2002 by Pacific Power International, was followed up by a more detailed feasibility study in January 2003 by Halliburton. These feasibility studies indicated that the whitewater park would most likely generate an insufficient return on capital and therefore the provision was removed in September 2003.
- (3) Yes.