

WALPOLE — WATER SUPPLY

Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to the water supply in Walpole.

- (1) When will the planning and investigation phase to secure a long-term drinking water supply for Walpole be complete?
- (2) When is community consultation expected to commence?
- (3) When are alternative or enlarged water sources expected to become available?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Nigel Hallett for providing some advice of the question.

- (1) The current phase of planning investigations to identify feasible long-term water sources for Walpole will be completed within two months. This answer is dated 28 February.
- (2) Community consultation will also commence within the next two months.
- (3) Timing of source development will be subject to the relevant regulatory approval processes. It is anticipated that a new source will be available in approximately five years. Until then, interim measures will be implemented to meet demand.