

DESALINATION PLANT, BINNINGUP

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

When considering possible sites for the state's second desalination plant, can the minister advise -

- (1) What other coastal options were evaluated before Binningup was recommended as the preferred site?
- (2) What is the cost difference of establishing a desalination plant at Kemerton Industrial Park versus Binningup?
- (3) What is the cost of resuming land at Kemerton rather than at Binningup to accommodate the location of the desalination plant at Kemerton Industrial Park?
- (4) What is the cost of relocating the existing water treatment plant at Binningup to Kemerton Industrial Park?
- (5) What is the cost of establishing the required power supply to enable the plant to be located at Kemerton Industrial Park?

THE PRESIDENT: The Minister for Local Government. I am sorry; the Leader of the House.

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

Thank you so much, Mr President! I have been trying to avoid that job for years!

I thank Hon Nigel Hallett for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Water Corporation has examined a number of sites between Jurien Bay and Bunbury. These included Binningup, Port Kennedy and East Rockingham.
- (2)-(5) Detailed costing has yet to be finalised. It will be made available when it is completed. However, the preliminary costing ruled out the Kemerton option.