

WATER CORPORATION — ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PRIVATISATION

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

I have a supplementary question. The negotiations and the sale to RCR Tomlinson was completed in August —

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr D.J. KELLY: The negotiation and sale was completed in August —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order now I think for the first time. Member for Bassendean, try again.

Mr D.J. KELLY: The negotiations and sale was completed in August 2015, eight months ago. Will the minister release the business case and the contract, or were her party's comments yesterday about transparency all about political expediency?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

I will not even answer the second part of that because it is absolutely ridiculous. An independent probity auditor was part of this decision-making process. I have full confidence in the board.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the third time. Minister, a quick answer through the Chair.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: I am trying, Mr Speaker.

I have full confidence that the board members who are charged with making decisions around the day-to-day management of the Water Corporation have conducted themselves in an appropriate manner. An independent probity auditor was part of this deal. In my view, we have provided ongoing employment for a number of employees who would otherwise have been given redundancies and sent on their way.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean, you are on three calls. If you want to go early, carry on.