

WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION — CONSULTANTS

895. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

Regarding the employment of consultants, for the previous financial year, how many retired Department of Water and Environmental Regulation officers were re-hired by the agency as consultants?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Environment.

As part of this government's ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency, a six-monthly *Report on consultants engaged by the government* is tabled in both houses of Parliament. It is not possible to provide an accurate account for retired DWER officers who may be re-hired by the agency as consultants.