

RUPTURED WATER MAINS — METROPOLITAN AREA

2529. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister for Water:

- (1) How many ruptured water mains occurred in the metropolitan area for each of the following years:
 - (a) 2008;
 - (b) 2009;
 - (c) 2010;
 - (d) 2011;
 - (e) 2012;
 - (f) 2013; and
 - (g) 2014 (to date)?
- (2) What were the dates, locations and volume of water lost for each rupture?
- (3) What was the cause of each rupture?

Ms M.J. Davies replied:

- (1) (a)–(b) The number of leaks and breaks in the metropolitan area for 2008–2014 is shown in the table below:

Calendar Year	Number of Leaks and Breaks
2008	1 987
2009	1 753
2010	1 687
2011	1 740
2012	1 772
2013	2 007
2014 (June)	877

- (2) The Water Corporation does not estimate water loss for each fault. Measuring loss from reported leaks and bursts cannot be done with accuracy and no Australian utility measures such loss routinely. The dates and locations, and cause of each fault
[See tabled paper no 2086.]
- (3) The cause of each fault is also shown. Note this also includes damage caused by third parties such as excavation contractors.
[See tabled paper no 2086.]