

WATER CORPORATION - ONLINE TRADING FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

1152. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to the Water Corporation adopting online trading as its preferred method for acquiring goods and services. Will the minister assure the house that regional and rural businesses will not be penalised by this new system, and that the government's regional business preference and regional content preference will continue?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Water Corporation's new online trading system will significantly improve the efficiency of acquiring goods and services. The Water Corporation has made arrangements to ensure that regional and rural businesses will not be disadvantaged and that the preferences will continue.