

WATER CONSERVATION STRATEGY, IMPLEMENTATION

2155. Hon Jim Scott to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for the Environment

Further to Question No. 655 of May 15 2002 -

- (1) Will the Minister advise why the Water Conservation Strategy for Western Australia was not finalised by October 2002 as originally promised?
- (2) Considering the current water crisis facing the State, why hasn't the Government given this matter a high priority?
- (3) When will this Water Conservation Strategy be completed?
- (4) What plans has the Government made to implement a comprehensive water conservation strategy instead of the current ad hoc approach?

Hon TOM STEPHENS replied:

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response:

- (1) The State Water Conservation Strategy was not finalised because its main recommendations were incorporated into the State Water Strategy released in February 2003.
- (2) Implementation of the State Water Strategy is a very high priority for the Government. Chapter 4 of the State Water Strategy is on water conservation and efficiency and includes 30 tasks out of a total of 84 tasks in the Strategy.
- (3) Please refer to the answer to question 1.
- (4) The State Water Strategy presents a coherent and comprehensive approach to water conservation as detailed in Chapter 4 on water conservation and efficiency.