

CHICKEN CREEK MINE VOID, COLLIE — WATER REMOVAL

6590. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Water

In relation to the six billion litres of water in Chicken Creek mine void, in the locality of Griffin Coal, Collie, I ask:

- (a) when will water be removed from the mine void;
- (b) who is responsible for the water in the mine void;
- (c) what water treatment will be undertaken before the removal of water from the mine void;
- (d) will the water be returned to the Collie River; and
- (e) what will happen to the 30 thousand tonnes of salt trapped in this water?

Mr W.R. MARMION replied:

- (a) By December 2012.
- (b) The Department of Water has assumed responsibility for the removal of the diverted water and is working with stakeholders.
- (c) The Department of Water is currently working with stakeholders to determine the best option to treat the water prior to disposal.
- (d) This will be determined as part of the option assessment.
- (e) It is estimated there is 5000 tonnes of salt in the pit water. What happens to the salt is dependent on the treatment option chosen.