

DIVISION 10: ECONOMIC REGULATION AUTHORITY —

[Supplementary Information No A46.]

Question: Ms R. Saffioti asked the Treasurer to provide details of the “basis on which the revenue in the forward estimates for 2011–12 is anticipated, as with the Water Corporation increase in tariffs?”

Answer: The figures used in the budget papers are budget planning assumptions only. The Government has not yet made a decision on water tariffs for 2011-12. Any change will be considered as a part of the 2011-12 Budget process.

The forward estimates for 2011-12 assume a weighted average price increase in water services provided by the Water Corporation of 8.4%. These assumed increases are based on the Economic Regulation Authority's (ERA) recommendations. The average represents the total state-wide average increase across all customer groups in both metropolitan and country regions and also incorporates a 2.5% provision for the Consumer Price Index (CPI).