

WATER CORPORATION — STAFF AND MAINTENANCE

882. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Training; Water; Youth:

- (1) The 2022 annual report for Water Corporation reports that full time equivalent employee numbers (FTE's) have increased from 2,609 in 2018 to 3,627 in 2022. What is the breakdown of the increase in numbers for employees by job classification and salary level?
- (2) Water Corporation insourced maintenance activities from the Aroona Alliance in 2020. Public statements indicated that this would result in 250 positions returning to Water Corporation. How many additional maintenance positions were created in Water Corporation following the end of the Aroona Alliance maintenance arrangement?
- (3) At the time of the announcement that Water Corporation would be insourcing maintenance activities, the Premier stated that this would save Water Corporation \$2 million a year in maintenance costs. Following insourcing of maintenance activities into Water Corporation in 2020, has there been any maintenance savings demonstrated and, if so, where have these savings been achieved?
- (4) How much money did Water Corporation spend on maintenance in 2017/18 and each subsequent financial year including 2022/23?

**Ms S.F. McGurk replied:**

Answer:

- (1) [See tabled paper no 2430.]
- (2) The media statement dated 26 November 2019, stated “around 170 employees to transition to the Government-owned utility”. The total of employees who transferred from the Aroona Alliance to the Water Corporation was 173.
- (3) The media statement dated 26 November 2019, stated “the publicly owned utility will be able to deliver better services for Western Australians and also provide a saving of about \$2 million to the WA tax payer each year”. The Aroona Alliance Management Fees and Margin in FY2020, the last full year of the Aroona Alliance being operational, was \$4.48 million. Following insourcing this margin was no longer paid.
- (4)

Year	Total (\$m)
2017–18	80.5
2018–19	85.9
2019–20	88.8
2020–21	87.2
2021–22	80.3
2022–23	90.5