

SOUTHERN FORESTS IRRIGATION SCHEME

981. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the media statement issued by the minister on 9 December 2017, promoting water sales by SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd for the southern forests irrigation scheme, and the sales document issued in December 2017 with a state government logo on it stating —

WATER SALES OFFICE

There will be a water sales office open from Tuesday, 9 January 2018.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Agriculture and Food Research Centre,
South West Highway, Manjimup

Opening hours:

... 12 pm to 3 pm

- (1) Did the minister approve the use of a state government department building as the location for commercial sales by SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd?
- (2) Did the minister inquire whether SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd had development approval from the Shire of Manjimup to conduct commercial and industrial development, as required by the shire?
- (3) What is the status of the Shire of Manjimup's development approval for SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd to conduct the southern forests irrigation scheme?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

The answer I have states that it is for parts (1) to (3), but it actually covers only parts (1) and (2). I will undertake to get the member more information on part (3).

- (1)–(2) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has many industry collaborations and provides accommodation for non-government entities as part of its industry facilitation role. The use of the available office space to support SF Irrigation Co-operative Ltd during its establishment phase is consistent with that purpose and was approved by the responsible regional director.