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Hon Colin Tincknell; Hon Alannah MacTiernan

WARREN DONNELLY WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1005. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

My question is in regard to the Warren Donnelly Water Advisory Committee.

- (1) I refer to the minister's answer to question on notice 6268 in the other place that candidates for positions on this committee would be "considered against the selection criteria of the Committee Terms of Reference". Why then did the minister allow three members who had already served the recommended maximum three-year terms to be selected for a further term?
- (2) Has Shire of Manjimup president, Paul Omodei, been appointed to the committee?
- (3) Why has the minister not announced the make-up of the new committee?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Water.

- (1) All members are eligible for reappointment. Although the terms of reference indicate that the members should serve no more than three consecutive terms, that is not mandatory. Although the committee is being renewed with four new members, it is beneficial to ensure that the committee membership strikes the right balance between building new membership and retaining experience and knowledge. I have also taken the opportunity to ensure that the membership reflects the diversity of the community and contributes to the state government's target of 50 per cent representation of women on government boards and committees. This is the first time in the committee's more than 50-year history that that has been achieved.
- (2) The Shire of Manjimup representative appointed to the committee is Mr Kim Skoss.
- (3) The new committee members are listed in the tabled document and are published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation website. I table the attached document.

[See paper <u>4316</u>.]