

WATER CORPORATION — WATERWISE TOWNS PROGRAM

6429. Mr K.M. O'Donnell to the Minister for Water; Forestry; Innovation and ICT; Science; Youth:

I refer to your press announcement of 21 September 2020, (More support to the Goldfields to help residents save money on their water bills), where you stated that the State Government paid Water Corporation \$46 million to subsidise the provision of water services to Kalgoorlie–Boulder, and I ask:

- (a) How was the amount of the subsidy determined;
- (b) What is the breakdown for the cost of services that are provided (e.g. Water, Sewerage, Connection fees etc); and
- (c) Where is the money for the subsidy derived from? Is the subsidy provided from general State revenue or is the money derived from the profit Water Corporation makes from Metropolitan water service users?

Mr D.J. Kelly replied:

- (a) The \$46 million subsidy is comprised of the Country Water Pricing Subsidy and Revenue Concessions.
- (b) The Water Corporation only provides water services to Kalgoorlie–Boulder and as such, 100% of costs are for the provision of water.
- (c) The subsidy for Kalgoorlie–Boulder water services comes from the Government's Consolidated Account and Royalties for Regions.