

WATER CORPORATION — SURFACE WATER STORAGE

**1278. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the 2016–17 supply assumption in the Water Corporation’s “Statement of Corporate Intent 2016–17”.

- (1) How much surface water storage at the end of the 2016 winter is considered adequate?
- (2) How much surface water storage was there at the end of the 2016 winter?
- (3) If surface water storage was not adequate at the end of the 2016 winter, what will the financial consequences be for the corporation?

**Hon NICK GOIRAN replied:**

I answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water. Never have I missed Hon Colin Holt so much! I advise as follows —

- (1) The total surface water storage required at the end of winter for the integrated water supply scheme to meet demand in 2016–17 is about 160 gegalitres. This varies from year to year with factors such as projected demand and planned volumes from groundwater and desalination sources.
- (2) Following winter 2016, the total surface water storage peaked at about 212 gegalitres, ensuring adequate supplies for the IWSS in 2016–17, providing the community of Western Australia continue to play their role in conserving water.
- (3) Not applicable.