

HOUSING AUTHORITY — WATER SUPPLY — DJUGERARI COMMUNITY

1295. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the Djugerari Community in the Kimberley.

- (1) Who is responsible for providing water to the community?
- (2) Is the minister aware that the community has been without a water supply in recent days?
- (3) What will the minister do to remedy the problem?
- (4) How many other remote communities in the Kimberley have been without water in recent days?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Housing Authority is responsible.
- (2) Yes, there have been a number of short outages over the last few days due to the bores being low-producing and the increased community consumption.
- (3) The Housing Authority, through its contracted state program manager, has been monitoring a recent increase in water consumption. The Housing Authority has identified a currently unused bore and is investigating its status and suitability for use. The Housing Authority has continued to communicate with the community via its regional service provider on the need to better manage water use.
- (4) Only one other community, Yakanarra, has been without water in recent days. Yakanarra had a major leak in the supply pipeline on 11 November 2016 that interrupted supply overnight. The bore switchboard also suffered an electrical fault that interrupted water supply for a few hours.