

DEPARTMENT OF WATER — GARDEN BORES

2584. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

According to the following three reports prepared by the Department of Water, *Environmental management of groundwater abstraction from the Gnangara Mound – annual compliance report 12/13*, *Environmental management of groundwater abstraction from the Gnangara Mound – annual compliance report 11/12*, *Environmental management of groundwater abstraction from the Gnangara Mound – triennial compliance report to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority July 2009–June 2012*, “the Government updated the 2007 water efficiency measures legislation for garden bores in November 2011 under the *Water Agencies (Water Use) By-laws 2010*. This limits their use to three days per week over summer and applies a total use ban during winter.” Yet the above by-laws in respect of those restrictions were updated in late 2010. Therefore, I ask:

- (a) to what 2007 water efficiency measures legislation does the above refer to;
- (b) when did the Government start monitoring and enforcing the above restrictions on garden bore use;
- (c) how many warning notices and infringements has the Government issued since late 2010 to garden bore owners for “non-compliance” with the above restrictions;
- (d) on what dates were these warning notices or infringements issued; and
- (e) when did the Department of Water last assess the volumetric use of the 60 metered garden bores it has scattered across the Perth metropolitan area?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a) The Rights in Water and Irrigation Exemption (Section 26C) Order 2007 published in the Government Gazette on 12 October 2007.
- (b) December 2007
- (c) From 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2014 there were 1775 warning notices and 709 infringement notices issued.
- (d) Warning notices and infringement notices are issued to offenders on completion of the assessment of each particular case.
- (e) December 2012.