

ALBANY LOWER GREAT SOUTHERN TOWN WATER SCHEME

**671. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to page 664 of budget paper No 2, volume 2, relating to the Water Corporation, and the statement—

A further \$4 million will also be spent in augmenting water source capacity for the Albany Lower Great Southern Town Water Scheme required to meet the long-term demand.

- (1) Can the minister give more detail on what this water source capacity will be, where it will be located, and what towns it will service?
- (2) What is the cost of water testing in the great southern for the years 2014–15, 2015–16 and 2016–17?
- (3) What are the names of the laboratories that have carried out water testing in the great southern for the years 2014–15 and 2015–16?
- (4) What are the names of the laboratories that are contracted to carry out water testing in the Great Southern in 2016–17?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

- (1) Work is being undertaken across the three existing bore fields in the Albany area to replace and upgrade bores that service towns, including Albany, Mt Barker and Kendenup.
- (2) Expenditure on all water quality testing services in the Water Corporation's great southern operating region is: 2014–15 actual, \$1 336 956; 2015–16 actual, \$1 268 751; and 2016–17 estimate, \$1 269 000.
- (3) In 2014–15 and 2015–16 Analytical Reference Laboratory WA, PathWest, SGS Australia, Dalcon Environmental and Western Radiation Services were contracted to undertake water quality testing across the state:
- (4) In 2016–17 Analytical Reference Laboratory WA and PathWest and SGS Australia are contracted to undertake water quality testing across the state/