

STAGE 5 WATER RESTRICTIONS — DENMARK

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

I refer to the extension of stage 5 water restrictions in place for Denmark to 29 May 2015.

- (1) To date, how many litres of water have been saved by the restrictions?
- (2) What is the designated target of saving, and will this target be reached by the end of May?
- (3) Has the maintenance of water supplies through winter been secured; and, if not, what further action is planned?
- (4) Have low level drinking water dams and/or the supplementation of supplies with water from Denmark River dam required treatment with additional or different biocides to maintain water quality?
- (5) If yes to (4), what biocides and in what quantity?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) During December 2014 and January 2015, the Denmark community has helped save an estimated 9.7 million litres of water.
- (2) The target is to save 50 million litres of water by the 2015–16 summer. Water Corporation will continue to work with the community to achieve this target. Several factors, including winter rainfall and water-saving programs, will impact on achieving this target.
- (3) Denmark's water supplies are sufficient to meet demand over the coming winter.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The biocide is potassium permanganate, and the dosage levels are 0.030 milligrams a litre to 0.042 milligrams a litre, depending on varying levels of manganese present in dam water.