

SOUTHERN SEAWATER DESALINATION PLANT — DRINKING WATER CAPACITY

704. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the government's decision in August 2011 to double the capacity of the southern seawater desalination plant to 100 billion litres of drinking water a year.

- (1) Has installation of the additional pumps been completed?
- (2) Has drinking water been delivered to the integrated water supply scheme from the desalination plant?
- (3) If yes to (2), when did delivery commence, and how much is being delivered?
- (4) If no to (2), why not, and when will drinking water be available?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1) Yes, on 15 March 2013.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) On 26 July 2013, the stage 2 drinking water pumps were used to pump stage 1 production water into the integrated water supply scheme. On 15 August 2013, the stage 2 drinking water pumps were used to pump stage 2 production water into IWSS. The plant is currently operating at a 50 gigalitre capacity.
- (4) Not applicable.