

DEPARTMENT OF WATER — HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

**1202. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the Water Corporation's fact sheet, hydraulic fracturing, south west information sheet, November 2013, which states —

Any projects that require the taking or abstraction of water resources for use in drilling or hydraulic fracturing operations are subject to licensing by the Department of Water.

- (1) How many of these licences has the Department of Water granted in Western Australia for the purpose of extracting unconventional gas where those operations are occurring in a known public drinking water reserve?
- (2) What conditions have been imposed on these licenses to protect drinking water?
- (3) Is the government planning to include in the new water resources management legislation the power for the Department of Water to veto plans to undertake hydraulic fracking in public drinking water reserves?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) None.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No.