

PILBARA — POTABLE WATER DEMAND

5022. Hon Helen Bullock to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Water

I refer to potable water in the Pilbara, and I ask —

- (1) What is the current domestic demand for potable water in the Pilbara?
- (2) What is the current commercial (non-agriculture) demand for potable water in the Pilbara?
- (3) What is the current agriculture demand for potable water in the Pilbara?
- (4) What is the current capacity in surface and artesian potable water currently available in the Pilbara?
- (5) What is the forecast total demand for potable water in the Pilbara for all uses over the next 10 years?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

The Minister for Water provides the following response:

- (1) Per capita domestic demand for potable scheme water in 2010/2011 is approximately 570 kL/annum.
- (2) Industrial and commercial demand, including hospitals and standpipes, for potable scheme water in 2010/2011 was approximately 14.3 GL.
- (3) Agriculture demands are not met through potable scheme supply.
- (4) 15 GL
- (5) Forecast demand for three main Pilbara areas at 2022 is around 60 GL per year under a high growth scenario.