

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY — ASSESSMENTS

1865. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OPEA) and ask:

- (a) how many times has the OEPA ‘stopped the clock’ in assessments since July 1 2012; and
- (b) which proposals were they, how much time was taken and what were the reasons?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a)–(b) The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority does not presently keep electronic records of when assessments are stopped while awaiting information from proponents (‘stop the clocks’).

I am advised that it would take substantial use of the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority’s resources to collect the information requested. Given this, I do not consider it is an efficient use of agency resources to undertake such a task.

The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority is presently developing an electronic Case Management System which will be commenced from 1 July 2014. Once this system has been implemented, such information will be readily available.