

WATER CHARGES — CONCESSIONS

912. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Treasurer

- (1) Will the Minister ensure the Government continues the 50 % concession for currently eligible applicants and 25% concession for all seniors card holders on annual water charges; and
 - (a) if not, why not?
- (2) Will the Minister ensure the Government continues the 50 % concession for currently eligible applicants on annual water charges; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

- (1) No changes are currently planned to either increase or decrease the percentage concession entitlements for annual water charges for either pensioners or seniors card holders. Furthermore, any such change would require the express authority of the Parliament through amendments to the *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferments) Act 1992*.
- (2) See (1) above