

WATER — BIMONTHLY BILLING — ANNUAL SAVINGS

2937. Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the answer given to question without notice No. 270, in which the Minister claims that the move to two-monthly billing is estimated to generate savings of \$9.5million per annum from 2014–15 to 2017–18, and ask if the Minister can provide a detailed breakdown of the annual savings that it is claimed to result from the move to two-monthly billing?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

An objective of two monthly billing was to encourage water efficiency and early leak detection through more frequent meter reading and billing.

Modelling identified this would deliver an estimated reduction in water supplied of 5 gegalitres per year, 3 gegalitres from reduction in water use, and 2 gegalitres from early leak detection.

At a long run marginal cost of \$1.90 per kilolitre, the reduction in operating costs is estimated at \$9.5 M per year.