

ONE ARM POINT — WATER TOWER COLLAPSE

634. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice 188 asked on Tuesday, 6 August 2013, and the minister's answer to part (f) of the question.

- (1) Can the minister please list the “urgent operational instructions” that were given to the Department of Housing contractors?
- (2) Do any of these instructions relate to or limit the capacity of those water tanks?
- (3) If yes to (2), which ones?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Department of Housing advises —

- (1) They were to undertake visual inspections of the tanks to assess any changes to their condition; reduce the volume of water stored in the tanks to reduce stress on their structure and stand; restrict access and works within water compounds; reduce water storage to minimum levels when work on existing structures is undertaken; and ensure that water compounds remain unoccupied during times of refilling or emptying.
- (2) Yes. When alternative arrangements have been made to either restrict the storage volume or install a temporary tank, the water supply remains sufficient to meet the community's requirements.
- (3) They were to reduce the volume of water stored in the tanks to reduce stress on their structure and stand, and reduce water storage to minimum levels when work on existing structures is undertaken.