

WATER CORPORATION — BIMONTHLY BILLING

270. Hon ALANNA CLOHESY to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) How much did it cost the Water Corporation to move to bimonthly billing from the start of the project until 30 June 2014?
- (2) How much does the Water Corporation anticipate the move to bimonthly billing to cost in 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18?
- (3) How much additional per annum does the Water Corporation anticipate bimonthly billing will cost due to recently announced increases in Australia Post charges?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) It cost \$2.676 million.
- (2) The move to bimonthly billing is estimated to cost the Water Corporation an additional \$4.3 million a year in each of 2014–15, 2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18 in direct operating impacts. The estimated savings from moving to two-monthly billing is \$9.5 million per annum.
- (3) It will cost \$250 000 across all types of mailings. It is not possible in the time allowed to dissect the succinct costs of two-monthly billing.