

KARRATHA DESALINATION PLANT

**1010. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to the recently announced desalination plant for Karratha.

- (1) Was a business case developed for this project; and, if yes, will the minister table a copy?
- (2) If no to (1), on what basis was the project approved, and will the minister table the documents relating to the approval?
- (3) Was any analysis done regarding alternative water source options for the Pilbara; and, if yes, will the minister table them?
- (4) If no to (3), on what basis was the decision made?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) A detailed report, including financial and planning implications, was prepared as part of the cabinet submission. The documents in question are subject to cabinet confidentiality.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Alternative water sources were analysed for west Pilbara. The analysis report was prepared as part of the cabinet submission and is therefore subject to cabinet confidentiality.
- (4) Not applicable.