

WATER CORPORATION — WASTEWATER TESTING

900. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that all of the Water Corporation's wastewater treatment plants analytical testing across regional WA is done by three Perth-based laboratories?
- (2) When will the minister and his agency provide an opportunity for suitably qualified accredited labs in regional areas to do this work, which will boost local economies and increase jobs?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The earliest opportunity that areas of this work could be offered to the market is mid-2017. The minister is aware there are regional businesses seeking opportunities to contract with the Water Corporation. She has asked the Water Corporation to explore what barriers may be preventing this.