

WATER CORPORATION — WASTEWATER SPILLS

**374. Hon AMBER-JADE SANDERSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to an incident in which approximately 750 000 litres of wastewater was discharged into the environment at the Ariti Avenue pumping station in Wanneroo on 15 November 2012.

- (1) What other wastewater spills of more than 500 000 litres have occurred in the last three years?
- (2) What was the location of each spill?
- (3) What was the cause of each spill?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

(1)–(3) As the answer is in tabular form, I seek leave to table the answer and have it incorporated into *Hansard*.  
Leave granted. [See paper 500.]

The following material was incorporated —

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<b>Date of Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Comments on Source/Cause</b>	<b>Estimated Volume Kilolitres</b>
27/01/2011	North Lake Road, Cockburn Central	A membrane, installed for maintenance reasons, blocked the passage of wastewater, leading to an overflow.	14,000
8/04/2011	Kwinana Wastewater Treatment Plant	Blockage at inlet resulted in discharge of untreated wastewater	4,712
25/05/2011	Beenyup Wastewater Treatment Plant, Craigie	Failure of pipeline into Digester 3 resulted in discharge of sludge	1,500
15/05/2011	Point Peron Wastewater Treatment Plant	Failure of pumping system resulted in discharge of primarily treated wastewater.	2,000
30/07/2011	Pinjarra Wastewater Treatment Plant	Treated wastewater reuse pump failure due to power loss.	1,500
15/11/2012	Ariti Avenue, Wanneroo	No. 2 pump failed whilst No. 1 pump was off-line for overhaul.	750
28/05/2013	Gravity main, Albany Highway Bridge, Gosnells	Tree root ingress blocked the gravity main.	2,400

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