

DEPARTMENT OF WATER — FLOWTHROUGH TRIALS — COLLIE RIVER

632. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the reference on page 654 of budget paper No 2, volume 2, to the department pursuing action to sustain healthy water-dependent ecosystems. What scientific research and/or analysis is underway by the Department of Water or state government-appointed contractors on flowthrough trials in the south branch of the Collie River; and when will any such reports be made public?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

None. However, the Department of Water monitored water quality, fish communities and hydrology in the south branch of the Collie River during 2015 for Edith Cowan University, which is undertaking a research project in the area. Public release of the research is a matter for the university.