

WATER CORPORATION — ELECTRICAL TRADES UNION —
ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

487. Hon PETER COLLIER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Water Corporation enterprise bargaining agreement with the Electrical Trades Union resulting in a two per cent increase in workers' superannuation on top of the \$1 000 government wages policy.

- (1) Will this new wages policy apply to all public servants, including police, nurses and teachers?
- (2) If no to (1), why does the government's existing wages policy not apply to government-owned trading enterprises?
- (3) If no to (1), can the Leader of the House confirm that the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017 applies to government-owned trading enterprises?
- (4) If yes to (3), why are some of the McGowan government's wage policies applied to government-owned trading enterprises but not to others?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The two per cent co-contribution scheme that was put in place by the Water Corporation under the Court government over 20 years ago is not a new entitlement. It allows a two per cent co-contribution for employees who contribute three per cent of their own. This longstanding policy has continued under the Gallop, Carpenter and Barnett governments and is simply being registered in the EBA for the first time. The scheme is available to all Water Corporation employees and is not restricted to employees under the coverage of the Electrical Trades Union.
- (2) Government trading enterprises are not bound by the government wages policy and never have been. However, the Water Corporation is limiting its pay increase to \$1 000 per annum, in line with, but not as a requirement of, the government wages policy.
- (3) I believe the member is confused between what the government wages policy is and what the Salaries and Allowances Amendment (Debt and Deficit Remediation) Bill 2017 does.
- (4) Not applicable.