

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT — SOUTH WEST

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

I refer to a draft report conducted by the University of Western Australia titled “A Regulatory Framework for Groundwater Management in a Drying South West”.

- (1) Does the government have a plan to combat the over-allocation of groundwater from the seven groundwater management areas in the south west?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the plan and is it publicly available?
- (3) Does the plan include plans for mandatory licences for domestic bore users and commercial plantation managers?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Over-allocated resources are managed on a case-by-case basis through water allocation plans. These plans are publicly available on the Department of Water website, in hard copy at departmental offices throughout the regions or through contacting the head office of the Department of Water for information.
- (3) No.