

WATER CORPORATION — WASTEWATER TESTING

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

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 900.

- (1) What are the barriers preventing suitably qualified and accredited regional laboratories contracting to the Water Corporation for testing work?
- (2) If the barriers are not yet known, why not, given these regional laboratories have been expressing an interest in this work for some time?
- (3) When the work comes up for tender, will the Water Corporation modify its single provider model so offers from regional laboratories to provide services in their local regions can be considered?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Work to assess this is currently underway.
- (2) This issue was first raised with the minister on 15 August 2016.
- (3) Procurement decisions will be made at the appropriate time.
- (4) Not applicable.