

WATER USAGE — CONCESSION ANOMALY

3226. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Water

Minister, constituents are concerned about the future of water usage concessions for pension concession card holders. There appears to be a big difference between the concessions given for the October 2008–March 2009 bill compared to the October 2009–March 2009 bill, and so I ask, will the Minister confirm that the concessions for pension concession card holders for water usage will be kept up pro-rata with any increases to Water Corporation water usage charges?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

Water use concessions in the metropolitan area are provided under by-law 18A of the Water Agencies (Charges) By-laws 1987. Where a pensioner has registered his or her entitlement with the Water Corporation, the concession applies for the first 150 kL of water used during a 12-month period by 50%. The concession was introduced in 1993/1994 and has not changed.