

YALGOO WATER UPGRADE PROGRAM

999. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the water upgrade program in Yalgoo.

- (1) What is the scope of the Yalgoo drinking water upgrade?
- (2) What is the total cost of the upgrade?
- (3) Has one of the projects in the Yalgoo upgrade failed; and, if so, what has happened and what will it cost to rectify the problem?
- (4) When will the upgrade program be finalised; and, if one of the projects has failed, when will this project be completed?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The scope is to treat Yalgoo water, which is high in nitrate, total dissolved solids, sodium and hardness, to meet the aesthetic water quality guidelines of the 2004 Australian drinking water guidelines.
- (2) A detailed estimate will be prepared prior to project activation. At this time an accurate estimate of cost will be made.
- (3) Yalgoo was one of two towns—the other being Wiluna—included in a trial of two different types of water desalination technologies. The electro dialysis reversal plant at Wiluna performed better than the high efficiency reverse osmosis plant at Yalgoo; as a result, the EDR technology will be adopted at Yalgoo.
- (4) The project is currently within the approved four-year capital program. Funding and resources to carry out the project is subject to regular reviews of priorities for capital investment across the state.