

WATER CORPORATION — ASBESTOS — MINNIVALE

Question without Notice 1272 — Answer Advice

HON KEN BASTON (Mining and Pastoral — Minister for Agriculture and Food) [5.06 pm]: I have an answer now to question without notice C1338 asked by Hon Kate Doust. As the answer is lengthy, I seek leave to have it incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

I thank the Member for some notice of this question.

(1)(a) The ICAM investigation is still underway and a date for completion is yet to be finalised.

(1)(b) The findings will be released publicly once Water Corporation has had the opportunity to advise employees, contractors and regulatory authorities of the outcomes of the investigation.

(2) A review of asbestos management across the Corporation commenced as soon as it became aware of the incident.

(2)(a) The review includes the asbestos register and management processes as well as changing project management and design processes. The scope will be confirmed once the ICAM is finalised.

(2)(b) The review is currently being managed using internal resources. External expertise will be used as required.

(2)(c) Improvement actions will be implemented progressively. The completion date is yet to be finalised.

(2)(d) The overall cost is yet to be finalised.

(3) 138 people were inducted to visit or work at the site between 1 April and 30 September. These people may have been exposed to asbestos. Water Corporation is also in contact with people involved in the transportation to landfill and the transport operator.

(4) The asbestos has all been located. It was disposed of on the Minnivale Reservoir site and at the Northam landfill facility which is licensed to receive asbestos. Disposal was not consistent with requirements for asbestos containing material. Water Corporation is liaising with the Department of Environment and Regulation (DER) regarding the disposal of the material and is waiting for advice on any further action which may be required.
