

WATER — GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN BORES

1731. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water:

On the subject of water bores in the Great Artesian Basin, I ask:

- (a) how many artesian bores remain uncapped and unused, or under-utilised, in Western Australia;
- (b) what volume of water is wasted as a result of uncapped bores;
- (c) what volume of water is used and what is it used for; and
- (d) is the technology available such that water from artesian bores can be available for use without the current wastage?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a)–(b) As the Great Artesian Basin does not extend to Western Australia, can the Hon Member please confirm which basin he is seeking information on?