

GASCOYNE WATER CO-OPERATIVE LTD — OPERATING SUBSIDY

826. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to the irrigation main pipeline that is being replaced throughout the Carnarvon horticultural district, which is funded jointly by the federal and state governments with a \$5.9 million contribution by the local Gascoyne Water Co-operative Ltd. Can the minister advise whether the state government operating subsidy that is currently paid to Gascoyne Water Co-operative Ltd will continue following the commissioning of the new irrigation pipeline?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Water has provided me with the following information —

The operating subsidy currently paid to Gascoyne Water Co-operative Ltd will cease to be paid in full following the replacement of the current assets with the new asset.