

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT — SOUTH WEST

710. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to a draft report prepared by the University of Western Australia titled “A Regulatory Framework for Groundwater Management in a Drying South West”.

- (1) Does the government have a plan to combat the over-allocation of groundwater from the seven groundwater management areas in the south west?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the plan and is it publicly available?
- (3) Does it include plans for mandatory licences for domestic bore users and commercial plantation managers?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I am sorry, but I do not have an answer for the member on that question.

Hon SALLY TALBOT: This question originally went to the Minister for Agriculture and Food and was then redirected to the minister in his capacity as representing the Minister for Water in this place.

Hon Ken Baston: I have only one question here, which is dated 2 May, C507.

The PRESIDENT: I invite ministers and parliamentary secretaries to search their files for that and they may be able to provide the answer at some stage later on.