

WATER CORPORATION — BATTERY STORAGE PLAN

1099. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Water:

I refer to Infrastructure Western Australia's *Major infrastructure proposal assessment, Water Corporation: Energy procurement plan—battery storage*, completed in March 2023 but not released until 1 September 2023.

- (1) What are the inherent risks in the development and delivery of the Water Corporation's battery storage plan identified by Infrastructure WA?
- (2) Was the Water Corporation's battery storage plan given Treasury approval; and, if so, when?
- (3) As at 18 September 2023, what are the projected development costs associated with delivering the Water Corporation's battery storage plan?
- (4) With the Water Corporation's public acknowledgement of the deferral of the project, stating in the media that the plan was deferred until reforms in the state energy market could be implemented, will the minister detail the specific energy reforms required to deliver the Water Corporation's battery storage plan?
- (5) How much has the Water Corporation spent on this plan to date?

Hon PIERRE YANG replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Water.

- (1) Infrastructure Western Australia's assessment reports are publicly available.
- (2)–(5) The battery project is an opportunity to test new models to deliver net-zero projects in accordance with the Water Corporation's obligations and receive appropriate government approval.

The Water Corporation is continuing to work proactively with the government, other government trading enterprises and Infrastructure Western Australia to inform any future proposals. Any costs related to the plan are commercial-in-confidence.