

MYALUP–WELLINGTON WATER PROJECT

1173. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the proposed Myalup–Wellington water project.

- (1) Has the preliminary business case for the Collie to Coast proposal—the below-the-dam-wall components—been completed; and, if so, when was it completed?
- (2) Does the full \$140 million grant and \$40 million loan commitment by the federal government announced in March 2018 remain committed?
- (3) Does the full \$37 million committed by the state in January 2017 and reconfirmed on 28 July 2017 remain committed?
- (4) Has any of the committed state and federal funding been redirected or taken back by the government; and, if so, to what projects has the money gone?
- (5) Has a decision been made on whether to proceed with the project; and, if not, when will the decision be made and publicly released?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development, I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development.

- (1) The Collie-to-coast proposal is not part of the Myalup–Wellington project.
- (2) The Australian government funding for the 2018 Myalup–Wellington project was not included in the forward estimates in the Australian government’s October 2022–23 budget.
- (3) The state government funding for the Myalup–Wellington project remains in the state government’s budgeted forward estimates.
- (4) See (2) and (3).
- (5) As announced by the then Minister for Regional Development in April 2022, the state government terminated its contract with the proponent Collie Water to deliver the 2018 Myalup–Wellington project.