

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Hon Peter Collier asked:

- 1) What would be the percentage of usage of desalinated versus dam versus groundwater from 30 years ago and then how it has transitioned to today?

Answer: The table below shows the changes in the percentage of Perth's scheme water supplied from different sources over time. The data are compiled from Water Corporation's interactive page on the Water Corporation's website at <https://www.watercorporation.com.au/Our-water>.

Decade	Percentage of Perth's scheme water supplied from different sources			
	Dams	Groundwater	Desalination	Groundwater replenishment
1960s	88	12	0	0
1980s	65	35	0	0
2000s	32	61	7	0
Now	11	40	45	4

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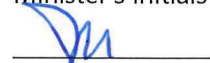
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Hon Dr Brad Pettitt asked:

- 1) On page 702 of budget paper 2, volume 2, you have got grants for state-wide water efficiency measures. The question that arises from that given your actuals were \$187 000 last calendar year but you are looking at spending only \$50 000 this year, what is the reason for that steep decline in funding?

Answer: The \$187 000 noted is the total amount paid to the Water Corporation as part of the annual Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. This is for the delivery of compliance inspection services for domestic bore monitoring in the metropolitan area. The \$50 000 noted is the actual budget figure allocated by the Department for this function. However, as in previous years, the Department makes up the shortfall through budget savings over the life of the financial year. The Water Corporation will be paid the full amount and there is no actual decline in funding for this function.

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