

WELLINGTON DAM

1339. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Water:

- (1) Are works being carried out at Logue Brook Dam so that it can act as a water source for Alcoa?
- (2) Is a desalination facility being constructed at Wellington Dam?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is the intended use for the desalinated water?
- (4) If no to (2), is a desalination facility being considered for Wellington Dam?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) No.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Department of Water is currently evaluating expression of interest submissions through the Water for Food initiative for viable proposals to increase the availability of water for use from Wellington Dam. It is possible some of the submissions will include proposals for treating water, including desalination. No decision has been made about the preferred proposal or proposals.