

## Questions without Notice

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**Name:** Hon Tania Rattray MLC

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### Questions:

- 1 Has there been any progress that the Government is aware of as to the Tas Water Data testing results being made available monthly rather than the intent to inform communities quarterly?
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**Answered by:** Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Health

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### Answers:

- 1 I have been advised that TasWater has established a Water Quality Working Group, involving Local Council General Managers. They have recently provided in-principal agreement to move towards quarterly publication of monitoring data on their website. Once established, TasWater will seek feedback on this approach to inform the future of their data presentation.
- 2 I can confirm that water quality data are provided by TasWater upon request; and that communities and individuals can contact TasWater for the most up-to-date information.
- 3 The Director of Public Health publishes an annual *Tasmanian Drinking Water Quality Report*. I note that while publication of additional monitoring data may offer transparency, it is not a prerequisite for the safe management of drinking water. Appropriate and established procedures are already in place to effectively manage threats to public health from drinking water.



Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Health

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