Study Questions

1. Many developing countries have state-owned utility companies that both lose money, fail to provide adequate services, and are tremendous sources of corruption. Why didn’t that happen in the case of the PUB?

2. What considerations went into the setting up of the Research, Innovation and Enterprise Council (RIEC) in the manner chosen? What advantages did this have over other governance structures?

3. What are the main pitfalls facing the RIEC at present? In particular, how should it treat SMEs in the water business?

4. Could your country have done what Singapore has done with its state-owned utilities? What are the specific obstacles standing in the way?