

WESTERN POWER — POWERLINE — FIRE RISK

931. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the plan submitted by Western Power to the Director of Energy Safety in response to the Wickepin–Narrogin bushfire in February 2022 aimed at mitigating risks from power lines.

- (1) Can the minister provide an update on the scope, cost and status of Western Power’s remediation program?
- (2) Will this program of works be completed ahead of the southern high threat period; and, if not, what is the anticipated time frame for completion?
- (3) Can the minister please table the plan submitted to the Director of Energy Safety?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

- (1)–(2) Western Power identified 73 bays for remediation, at a total estimated cost of \$4 million. To date, 34 have been remediated, with the remaining bays to be upgraded by the end of this year.
- (3) Western Power has been working collaboratively with building and energy to identify the remediation plan and provide progress updates on it. Due to ongoing legal proceedings, it is not appropriate to table the plan at this time.