

SYNERGY — COAL IMPORTS

1471. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to Synergy's unprecedented action to bring 103 000 tonnes of coal from Newcastle to Collie last summer.

- (1) What is the current blending ratio of imported Newcastle coal to local Collie coal?
- (2) How much of the imported Newcastle coal has been blended to be used for electrical generation?
- (3) How much of the imported Newcastle coal has been burnt for generation?
- (4) What is the anticipated date on which all the imported Newcastle coal will have been burnt for generation?
- (5) What was the total cost of bringing the coal to Collie?

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) The blending ratio of the Newcastle coal changes to meet operational requirements. The current ratio is 10 to one.
- (2)–(3) The amount is 79.5 kilotons.
- (4) The coal consumption time line of the Newcastle coal will be dependent on the level of blending with Collie coal, which will be determined by Synergy's operational requirements.
- (5) Please refer to the answer to question without notice 1186.