

**DIVISION 11: OFFICE OF ENERGY -**

*Supplementary Information No. A9*

*Question:* Mr House asked whether the Minister could provide details of the estimated costs of the Electricity Reform Task Force.

*Answer:* The Terms of Reference for the Electricity Reform Task Force require it to report to the Minister in mid August 2002. Including representation by the Task Force of the report recommendations, the estimated direct costs up to 30 September 2002 total \$1,351,000 and are included in the Office of Energy's Output 1 appropriation for 2001/02 and 2002/03. The breakdown of those costs is as follows:

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Salaries (administrative support)	43,000
Travel and transfer expenses	104,000
General administration costs	122,000
Office accommodation	86,000
Consultants	521,000
Project Manager	150,000
Fees to external members (x2)	162,500
Fees to external chairperson	162,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,351,000</b>

*Supplementary Information No. A10*

*Question:* Mr Barnett asked whether the Minister could provide information on the current level of greenhouse gas emissions and the projected increases in the future over whatever period is measured.

*Answer:* The most recent estimate available for energy related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is for the financial year 1999/2000. This estimate was published in 2001 in the Office of Energy's *Energy WA 2001* publication. The estimated total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions related to primary energy use in Western Australia were around 45 million tonnes per annum (MTpa). Of this estimated 45 MTpa more than 30% of emissions was attributable to primary energy used by the manufacturing sector and close to 25% by the mining sector. The mining sector in this case is taken to include emissions arising from petroleum production and pipeline usage, and from LNG and LPG production.

The most recent forecast available for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is for 2009/2010 and was published in the Office of Energy's *Energy WA 2000* document. That forecast has been recently modified by the Office of Energy to take into account up to date information about a number of major resource project proposals that are in various stages of consideration. The modified estimate for 2009/2010 is around 70 MTpa of total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions related to primary energy demand in Western Australia. This particular estimate translates into an average annual growth in emissions for the 10 year period to 2010 of a little under 5%.

*Supplementary Information Request No. Not Specified*

*Question:* Mr Barnett asked the Minister approximately how many businesses would be involved as contestable from 1 January 2003.

*Answer:* The Minister has, as undertaken in Committee, sought advice provided by Western Power about the information requested. The number of businesses that were customers of Western Power that will be contestable on 1 January 2003 at the 300 MWh per annum threshold for access to Western Power's South West Interconnected System is approximately 2400.