

WESTERN POWER — COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

462. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to commercial applications received by the validation unit within Western Power.

- (1) How many commercial projects are currently awaiting to be assessed at the validation stage since October 2021?
- (2) How are projects prioritised to meet customer deadlines?
- (3) How many commercial applications have exceeded the 20 business day time frame for technical assessment stage since October 2021?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

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

- (1) The information cannot be provided in the time available. The member is requested to put this part of the question on notice.
- (2) All applications for distribution connection services are processed in accordance with Western Power's applications and queuing policy.

In accordance with the Electricity Networks Access Code 2004, the applications and queuing policy forms a part of each access arrangement. Western Power's access arrangements are determined and published by the independent Economic Regulation Authority following a detailed consultation and consideration process.
- (3) As per the answer to (1), the information cannot be provided in the time available and the member is requested to put that part of the question on notice.