

ENERGY — ESPERANCE ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN

1416. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Esperance Energy Transition Package, and ask:

- (a) how many households requested:
 - (i) replacement of their hot water system, and what was the total cost to the government to replace all hot water systems;
 - (ii) replacement of their heating, and what was the total cost to the government to replace all heating appliances;
 - (iii) replacement of their cooking appliances, and what was the total cost to the government to replace all cooking appliances; and
 - (iv) conversion to gas bottles, and what was the total cost to the government to undertake those conversions; and
- (b) how many businesses requested financial assistance to replace appliances, and can the Minister provide a list of appliances replaced, including the total number of each type of appliance replaced and the total cost of replacing each type of appliance?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a)–(b) The Esperance Energy Transition Project concluded on 31 March 2023, with the majority of residents and businesses successfully making the switch from reticulated gas to an alternative energy source, with the majority of these electing for electrification.

A small number of customers will transition in the coming months. Some businesses have made the commercial decision to postpone while other customers are awaiting specific appliances. In the meantime, these customers will retain continuity of service and the impact to business operations will be minimal.

Once all customers are successfully transitioned, Horizon Power will release a full project report containing the information requested by the Member.

In the meantime, a list of replacement residential appliances installed is provided, as of May 2023.

Appliance	Number
Cooking Appliances	195
Hot water units	216
Space heating	66