

ELECTRICITY — COST-OF-LIVING ASSISTANCE CONCESSION

**14. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Finance:**

I refer to the cost-of-living assistance electricity concession.

- (1) Has a mechanism been put in place to allow consumers living in retirement villages and caravan parks, who are not directly billed by Synergy or Horizon, to be able to claim the cost-of-living assistance payment?
- (2) If no to (1), will such a mechanism be in place by 1 July, when electricity prices will rise again?
- (3) If no to (2), when will consumers in retirement villages, caravan parks and the like be able to claim the cost-of-living allowance?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) The Liberal government made a commitment to extend energy concessions to households receiving electricity services through onsellors as part of the 2013 state election campaign. The Department of Finance has since been working to develop systems to deliver concessions to this group. An announcement will be made shortly on how eligible households can access the extended concessions. Eligible permanent residents of caravan and long-stay parks can already access energy concessions by making an application to Synergy or Horizon Power regardless of which electricity retailer serves the caravan park.
- (2) The mechanism to provide energy concessions to households receiving electricity services through onsellors will be in place to provide payments to eligible households by 1 July 2013.
- (3) Not applicable.