

GOVERNMENT'S ENERGY REQUIREMENTS, PUBLIC TENDER

1022. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the minister representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Minister for Energy's reported plan to put the Government's energy requirements of around 100 megawatts out to public tender and ask -

- (1) What information has the minister received about the financial impact on the Western Power Corporation as a result of this proposal?
- (2) Given that the state-owned utility will no longer be supplying this requirement, does the minister concede that this proposal is an example of the Government's attempts to privatise Western Australia's energy supply by stealth?
- (3) Has the minister sought legal advice confirming the State Government's ability to package the energy requirements of its agencies?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question. I am afraid that the answer to it has not come through to me.