

WESTERN POWER, COMPENSATION FOR TENTERDEN FIRE

2762. Mr M.G. House to the Minister for Energy

Will the Minister negotiate with Western Power to make a fair and prompt offer of compensation to all parties affected by the 27 December 2003 fire at Tenterden?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

I have advised Western Power that I want this matter dealt with promptly and with compassion towards those people affected.

Western Power and its insurers are keenly aware of the situation of the people of Tenterden affected by the fire and are taking all possible steps to expedite the process.

The Corporation is undertaking detailed investigations into all aspects of the Tenterden fire.

Western Power's insurers will then form a view on Western Power's liability.

Western Power will then finally decide on the approach it will adopt and consult with the affected parties.