

ALINTAGAS, KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

34. Hon. J.F. GRILL to the Minister for Energy:

- (1) Is the Minister aware that AlintaGas appears to be failing to meet its obligations for reticulating natural gas to the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, in that many residences on the eastern side of the city are not to be serviced?
- (2) Is this not in breach of AlintaGas obligations?
- (3) On what basis has this decision been made?
- (4) What action can the Minister take to ensure that residences and businesses on the eastern side of the city are reticulated?

Mr BARNETT replied:

- (1)-(4) AlintaGas is fully meeting its formal obligations in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. AlintaGas has undertaken a comprehensive gas network reticulation program in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. AlintaGas operates the network under its Goldfields-Esperance Supply Area Gas Distribution Licence, issued by the Coordinator of Energy, pursuant to the Energy Coordination Act 1994. This licence sets out obligations in relation to the connection of customers. AlintaGas is meeting these obligations and its performance is monitored by the Coordinator of Energy. AlintaGas will continue to extend the network and connect customers where it is operationally feasible and economically viable to do so.