

SYNERGY — COAL IMPORTS

22. Hon JAMES HAYWARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to coal being shipped from New South Wales to Collie.

- (1) Approximately how many tonnes of CO₂ are emitted during the transportation of 100 000 tonnes of coal from NSW to Collie?
- (2) Will the WA government offset the additional carbon pollution incurred from coal transport by purchasing carbon credits?
- (3) Is the quality and grade of the coal imported from NSW identical to the coal usually used in WA power stations?
- (4) If no to (3), will any plant or process adjustments need to be made to utilise NSW coal in WA power stations?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

- (1) The transportation of coal from Newcastle to Collie and the associated emissions are the responsibility of Yancoal.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) As has been highlighted by the Minister for Energy in Parliament and in the media on many occasions, the imported coal has a higher ash content than locally supplied coal.
- (4) No.