

WESTERN POWER — SUPPLY ALLOCATION

**852. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to Western Power's supply allocation of 32 amps for single-phase rural residential properties in WA versus 63 amps for cities and towns in WA, and to public comments by the Minister for Energy saying that he commissioned a report from Western Power on the problem, which Western Power has alternatively said in correspondence was to be received by the end of September 2022 or the end of the year.

- (1) When is the Western Power review due to be handed to the minister?
- (2) When will the review be made public?
- (3) When will action be taken on the review?
- (4) Does this confusion support Western Power's media statement of 29 August 2022 on this issue that stated, "This has caused some confusion and concern in ... the community," and does the minister agree?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is based on information provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

- (1) The minister is scheduled to be briefed this week on the results of Western Power's review.
- (2)–(3) Actions will be determined once the minister has been briefed, and are expected to be taken by the end of the year.
- (4) It is not clear what confusion the member is referring to in his question. New customer mains protection requirements were introduced through the Western Australian Service and Installation Requirements in August 2021, which were the subject of proactive industry communications by Western Power. The feedback to which the member refers was not received until July 2022, with the confusion and concern noted in the community. The minister requested that Western Power review the matter, and this has now been completed.