

PUMPED HYDRO — COLLIE

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

I refer to the joint media statement of 14 June 2022 from the Premier and the Minister for Energy titled “State-owned coal power stations to be retired by 2030” detailing Synergy and Water Corporation undertaking analysis to determine the feasibility of a pumped hydro project in Collie, and to my questions without notice 420 and 441 asked last week.

- (1) Has Australian Capital Equity or any of its subsidiary groups expressed an interest in, submitted a proposal for, or engaged with any departmental or ministerial officer relating to the development of a pumped hydro project in Collie?
- (2) If yes, what formal or informal engagement has occurred, on what dates, and with whom?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

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

- (1) No contact has been made with the minister’s office or departments.
- (2) Not applicable.