

ENERGY — BATTERY INSTALLATION — COLLIE

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

I refer to the government's announcement of a \$2.8 billion spend on new battery storage and wind generation.

- (1) How many construction jobs will be created in the construction of the Collie big battery?
- (2) How many of the jobs in (1) will be for existing Collie residents?
- (3) Following the construction of the big battery in Collie, how many permanent full-time jobs will be generated in managing it?
- (4) Where will those permanent workers be located?
- (5) Given that the majority of rooftop solar generation and the majority of demand will be in Perth, what level of energy loss is expected in sending the electricity to Collie and back again to Perth?

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)–(4) The Collie big battery will be the first of its kind and size for the Collie region. Job numbers will be determined following the execution of contracts to deliver on the project.
- (5) Marginal loss factors are determined by the Australian Energy Market Operator.