

WESTERN POWER, HEADWORKS CHARGES

753. Mr GRILL to the Minister for Energy:

- (1) What are the headworks charges applied by Western Power for small to medium commercial or industrial projects -
  - (a) in metropolitan Perth; and
  - (b) in non-metropolitan regions?
- (2) Will the Minister list the amounts charged for each of the different headworks charges identified in (1)?
- (3) What was the total revenue from headworks charges for small to medium commercial or industrial projects received by Western Power in 1999/2000 -
  - (a) in metropolitan Perth; and
  - (b) in non-metropolitan regions?
- (4) What is the estimated total revenue from headworks charges for small to medium commercial or industrial projects to be received by Western Power in 2000/2001 -
  - (a) in metropolitan Perth; and
  - (b) in non-metropolitan regions?

Mr BARNETT replied:

- (1) (a)-(b) The headwork charging policy used is the same headwork charging policy that has been used since 1992. This policy is the 20/80 policy. The policy applies to both country and metro customers on the South West Interconnected System.
- (2) The customer is charged under the 20/80 policy. Briefly, under this policy the customer will make a primary 20 per cent contribution towards the cost of the extension (less \$2 500 if they are new customers) and depending on the anticipated energy consumption possibly a secondary contribution. The secondary contribution is determined from the anticipated first year's energy revenue. If the energy is less than the extension cost the customer will pay the difference.
- (3) (a) \$4.6m.  
(b) \$3.8m.
- (4) (a) \$4.6m (forecast).  
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