

WESTERN POWER, ENGINEERING CONSULTING BRANCH

16. Hon HELEN HODGSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) Have the services provided by the engineering consulting branch of Western Power been outsourced, or will they be?
- (2) If so, to what company and when does the contract commence?
- (3) What options have been given to employees of the engineering consulting branch regarding their future employment, and how many weeks were they given to consider those options?
- (4) Were the employees of that branch consulted about the outsourcing prior to a decision being made to take that course of action?
- (5) If not, why were the employees of the engineering consulting branch not given the same consideration and options given to other employees of corporations that have been privatised; for example, AlintaGas and the Dampier to Bunbury natural gas pipeline?
- (6) Were the employees of the branch offered permanent employment only 12 months ago after being told that they were considered to be required employees after a restructure within the department?

Hon N.F. MOORE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. I regret that I must request that the member place the question on notice.