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Hon Dr Steve Thomas; Hon Matthew Swinbourn

SYNERGY — OUTAGE — COLLIE

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

I refer to my question without notice 746 of 22 June 2023 on the utilisation of diesel generators on the south west interconnected system relating to lack of reserve.

- (1) For the period 14 June 2023 to 15 August 2023 inclusive, how many times have diesel generators been fired up for power supply generation and continuity to the south west interconnected system?
- (2) On what dates and what time frames and in what locations were the diesel generators utilised?
- (3) For the period 14 June 2023 to 15 August 2023 inclusive, what generation capacity directives/dispatch advisories has the Australian Energy Market Operator issued in relation to the south west interconnected system?

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) The following information has been extracted from the Australian Energy Market Operator's website. There have been 27 instances when diesel generation facilities have generated electricity between 14 June and 15 August 2023, noting that data was not available for the full day of 15 August but that no diesel generation facilities have operated in the month of August.
- (2) I have a table that indicates the facility name and location and generation in megawatt hours. I seek leave to have the table incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Date	TESLA GERALDTON G1	TESLA KEMERTON G1	TESLA NORTHAM G1	TESLA PICTON G1	WEST KALGOORLIE GT2	NAMKKN MERR SG1 (Merredin)
16-Jun					1.927	4.009
19-Jun	24.669	27.534	29.23			237.204
20-Jun					5.725	
21-Jun	3.391	1.051	2.706	3.563		33.894
26-Jun	8.46	6.791	11.137	11.169		4.675
27-Jun	20.411	20.577	20.572	22.84		150.757
28-Jun						2.814
02-Jul						10.46
19-Jul					4.16	

Time frames can be provided, if the member puts that part of the question on notice.

(3) Three dispatch advisories that relate to lack of reserve have been sent to market participants by the Australian Energy Market Operator between 14 June and 15 August 2023.