

ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSMISSION LINES

Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:

- (1) In the year to 30 June 2006, what was the total maintenance cost and cost per kilometre for maintaining electricity distribution lines in -
 - (a) the metropolitan area; and,
 - (b) regional Western Australia?
- (2) For the same period, what was the total maintenance cost and cost per kilometre of maintaining electricity transmission lines in -
 - (a) the metropolitan area; and
 - (b) regional Western Australia?
- (3) What is the location and number of maintenance depots that have been closed in regional Western Australia in the three years to 30 June 2006?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) With regard to distribution lines, total maintenance expenditure for the metropolitan south west interconnected system is \$68 million. On a per-kilometre basis, that equates to \$5 666 per kilometre. Total maintenance expenditure for the country SWIS is \$118.13 million. On a per-kilometre basis, that equates to \$2 109 per kilometre.
- (2) With regard to transmission lines, Western Power cannot provide separate metropolitan and regional information for transmission line maintenance costs because many transmission lines traverse the metropolitan area and continue into regional areas. Combined metropolitan and regional maintenance expenditure for transmissions lines is \$43.64 million, which equates to \$6 478 per kilometre.
- (3) No depots were closed by Western Power in the three years to 30 June 2006.