

COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS — CLOSURE

392. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Can the Premier confirm that contractors working for government agencies will receive the same transitional redundancy package as direct government employees as part of the just transition package?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

These things are being worked through. We have not worked out the exact arrangements. Depending upon whom they work for, their redundancy entitlements are different under their industrial agreements. That is the way it currently works. Whether they work for Synergy, for Griffin Coal or for Premier Coal, their redundancy entitlements are currently different. In terms of contractors, of course that is different as well. I have asked the transition group to provide advice to the government on what it thinks should happen here. That is something that we will consider. I met with the Collie Just Transition Working Group at Collie council chambers on Tuesday of last week and said that we invite them to put forward whatever options and ideas they might have on these matters. I think that is a fair way of dealing with it. The first of the closures that we announced the other day will not happen until October 2027. It is now 2022. There is a considerable period to work through these details.