

COWARAMUP AND MARGARET RIVER AREA - POWER SUPPLY

**423. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the supply of power to the Cowaramup and Margaret River area.

- (1) How many blackouts or faults have there been with this service in the past 12 months?
- (2) On what dates have these faults occurred and for how long have these disruptions been?
- (3) What was the cause of these disruptions?
- (4) What is being done to address the problem?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

I thank Hon Barry House for providing some notice of the question.

- (1) I am advised that there have been 58 sustained outages affecting the customers of Cowaramup and Margaret River during the past 12 months. On average, each outage lasted approximately 50 minutes and affected approximately 700 customers. No single outage affected all customers, as five different feeders supply power to residents in this area. Each customer in the Cowaramup and Margaret River area experienced, on average, 4.8 sustained outages over the previous 12 months.
- (2)-(3) In answer to these questions, I table an attachment, but I am not seeking leave for its incorporation into *Hansard*. [See paper 1573.]
- (4) As part of the regional power improvement program, there is reinforcement of targeted areas of overhead conductor in the Cowaramup and Margaret River area. There is an ongoing multimillion-dollar maintenance program in the area to ensure the reliability and safety of the network.