

COUNTRY TOWNS — ELECTRICITY COSTS

**740. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Energy:**

What was the average residential electricity bill for householders living in the towns of Geraldton, Merredin and Kellerberrin for the months of 13 June to 13 August 2008; 13 June to 13 August 2009; and 13 June to 13 August 2010?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The average residential electricity bill issued by Synergy for 13 June to 13 August 2008 was Geraldton, \$110.48; Merredin, \$155.42; and Kellerberrin, \$162.40. In 2009 Geraldton was \$127.45; Merredin, \$171.25; and Kellerberrin, \$193.26. In 2010 Geraldton was \$142.96; Merredin, \$181.94; and Kellerberrin, \$230. It should be noted that billing is conducted on a bimonthly basis and as such the periods provided will contain data for some customers that have been billed once, as well as data for those billed twice.