

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, NORTH WEST, STAFF AND PROGRAMS

383. Mr L. Graham to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Energy

- (1) What departmental staff, in departments under the Deputy Premier's control, are located in the following towns -
 - (a) Port Hedland;
 - (b) South Hedland;
 - (c) Tom Price;
 - (d) Paraburdoo;
 - (e) Telfer;
 - (f) Marble Bar;
 - (g) Nullagine;
 - (h) Karratha;
 - (i) Halls Creek;
 - (j) Wiluna;
 - (k) Dampier;
 - (l) Roebourne; and
 - (m) Wickham?
- (2) What are the classifications of those staff?
- (3) What programs are currently being funded in the towns listed in the departments under the Minister's control?

Mr E.S. RIPPER replied:

Department of Treasury and Finance

- (1) None
- (2)-(3) Not applicable

Western Power

- (1) Western Power has 16 staff in Port Hedland and 19 staff in Karratha. Western Power is also supported by a team of six contractors in Karratha.

Further support and expertise for specialised engineering studies, detailed transmission design, Information Technology support services and purchasing is provided through Western Power's Perth office.
- (2) Classifications for Western Power's Pilbara-based staff range from linesmen to senior management.
- (3) Western Power's Pilbara Branch is heavily involved with communities within the Town of Port Hedland and the Shire of Roebourne. Western Power is committed to the improvement and enhancement of services in the North West Region and is keen to be involved in various community committees and activities.

Pilbara Branch's major network projects completed and planned are listed below:

- Port Hedland Main Street Park Project
- Sutherland Street Undergrounding
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) visibility and supply reliability project
- New Karratha Baynton subdivision feeder
- Undergrounding at Point Samson
- Transmission islanding supply reliability scheme

In addition, Western Power's Pilbara Branch has been involved in the following community partnerships:

- Port Hedland Junior Cricket Association
- Port Hedland Chamber of Commerce – Small Business of the Year Awards
- Safer WA Bicycle Helmet Safety Program
- South Hedland Policeman's Annual Ball
- East Pilbara College of TAFE – Welcome to Hedland Night (Western Power Outback Review)
- Port Hedland Smarter Than Smoking Schoolgirls Breakfast
- Constable Care Pilbara Visit
- Black Rock Stakes

- Old Prison Warders House – Roebourne Cossack Art Awards
- Verdi's Riggoletto
- LINK Teddy Bear Picnic
- Karratha Community Theatre's participation in the South West & State Drama Festival
- International Year of the Volunteer
- Karratha and Districts Chambers of Commerce and Industry Small Business Awards
- Pilbara Festival of Lights
- Shire of Roebourne Australia Day Awards
- West Pilbara College of TAFE – Vocational Student of the Year
- Karratha Smarter Than Smoking Schoolgirls Breakfast
- Pilbara Development Commission - Natural Advantages Conference

Western Power provides substantial funding on an annual basis in the towns within the Town of Port Hedland and Shire of Roebourne for infrastructure improvements and enhancements and will continue to do so in the future, as part of Western Power's commitment to the Pilbara.

Office of Energy

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Renewable Remote Power Generation Program (a Commonwealth program administered by the Office of Energy): funding is available for renewable energy systems serving pastoral stations, Aboriginal communities, tourist operations and other groups in remote off-grid areas of Western Australia that use diesel generators for a power supply. Funding has been approved for systems installed in areas around most of the towns listed, although so far no systems have been installed within the towns themselves.

Exmouth Power Procurement Process: Marble Bar and Nullagine includes as optional towns.

Mid West Power Procurement Process: Wiluna

Energy, Water and Wastewater Efficiency Education Program: Halls Creek

Office of Gas Access Regulation

- (1) None
- (2)-(3) Not applicable

Office of Native Title

- (1) (a)-(m) None
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) None

International Centre for the Application of Solar Energy

- (1) None
- (2)-(3) Not applicable

Office of the Auditor General

- (1) None
- (2)-(3) Not applicable