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STATE BUDGET — ELECTRICITY CREDIT

825. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

This question is rather inauspiciously number 666 and was asked on 13 June 2023, so it is a little old.

I refer to the government's announcement of a \$400 household electricity credit over two equal payments in July-August 2023 and November-December 2023.

- (1) What fiscal impact or relief will the \$400 credit have on the 36 148 Synergy customers to date this year currently repaying debt via a debt replacement plan?
- (2) What fiscal impact or relief will the \$400 credit have on the 68 228 customers to date this year who have been charged a late payment fee?
- (3) What fiscal impact or relief will the \$400 credit have on the 2 703 customers to date this year who have had their power disconnected?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The answer is correct as of 13 June 2023. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

(1)–(3) Residential A1 tariff customers, including those who have been disconnected for non-payment of bills, will receive \$400 of energy bill relief payable over two instalments of \$200 from 8 July 2023 and 2 December 2023.