

GROSS FEED-IN TARIFF SCHEME

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

I refer to the allocation of funds in the 2009-10 budget for a feed-in tariff.

- (1) When will the minister release details of the government's feed-in tariff scheme?
- (2) When will it commence?
- (3) Who will be eligible?
- (4) Why has the scheme not been included in the forward estimates past 2011-12?
- (5) How does the government anticipate spending the \$812 000 included in this year's budget as an estimated actual for 2008-09 before the end of the financial year?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) The government will release details of the feed-in tariff scheme once it has made a decision on the final design of the scheme, including the commencement date.
- (4) The forward estimates allocate the election commitment of \$13.5 million for the feed-in tariff scheme. Funding of the scheme beyond 2011-12 will be considered in future budget processes.
- (5) Those funds will not be spent this year and are being transferred to 2009-10.