

WESTERN POWER — POWER POLE — GLENCAIRN WAY, PARKWOOD

1346. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the private power pole at 9 Glencairn Way, Parkwood which has been inspected by Western Power in November 2022 and identified as rusty and needing replacement, and I ask:

- (a) was the private pole reinspected by Western Power after complaints from the owners that the wrong pole was identified as needing replacement;
- (b) if yes to (a) what was the result of the reinspection;
- (c) was the correct pole identified;
- (d) does the private pole at 9 Glencairn Way Parkwood need replacing; and
- (e) if yes to (c), why?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) The private power pole was reinspected on 10 January 2023.
- (b) The reinspection confirmed the advice provided in the original inspection on 1 November 2022 was correct.
- (c) Yes, on both occasions.
- (d) It is the property owner's responsibility to inspect and maintain private power poles. Western Power recommended the owner replace the private power pole and contact a licenced electrician to seek further advice or consider a conversion to an underground connection.
- (e) Corrosion in the steel pole was identified at the ground line.