

SYNERGY — COAL IMPORTS

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

I refer to Synergy's unprecedented importation of 100 000 tonnes of coal from Newcastle to Collie.

- (1) Have the blending ratios of 7:1 of the imported Newcastle coal to local Collie coal changed; and, if so, when did the change occur?
- (2) As at 8 May 2023, how much of the imported coal has been blended to be used for electrical generation?
- (3) As at 8 May 2023, how much of the imported coal has been burnt for generation?
- (4) What is the anticipated date on which all imported Newcastle coal will have been burnt for generation?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

Firstly, I think he would like to note that importation refers to the receipt of goods from overseas. The additional coal was purchased and transported from New South Wales.

Hon Dr Steve Thomas interjected.

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN: I am just reading the answer.

- (1) The blend ratio changes to meet Synergy's operational requirements. It is currently 10:1 and was changed on 21 March 2023.
- (2)–(3) It is 42 300 tonnes.
- (4) It is October 2023.