

BIOMASS ENERGY PLANT — COLLIE

878. Hon DIANE EVERS to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the proposed bioenergy industry in Collie.

- (1) How much funding is the government proposing to give to Renergi Pty Ltd?
- (2) Did the government receive any other competitive applications for this funding; and, if yes, how many applications were received?
- (3) Has there been any research done on the carbon accounting of this industry; and —
 - (a) if no to (3), why not; and
 - (b) if yes to (3), will the minister please table the results?
- (4) In relation to the conventional biomass to be used by the proposed bioenergy industry in Collie, what does this consist of and in what quantities, who is the supplier, and for what time period will it be supplied?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) Renergi has applied to the Collie futures industry development fund for \$2 million in matched funding. The awarding of any CFIDF funding is subject to Renergi submitting a full business case, the state government undertaking due diligence on the business case once submitted, and subsequent submission to me as Minister for Regional Development for approval.
- (2) Yes, 10 applications have been received.
- (3) Research has not been undertaken by state government.
 - (a) The state government would require information on the feedstock and the supply chain logistics in order to undertake a full lifecycle analysis of the emissions and carbon accounting profile of a project. Any analysis would be undertaken on a case-by-case basis, in consideration of the project scope.
 - (b) Not applicable.
- (4) Biomass data for Collie is publicly accessible on the federal government Australian Renewable Energy Mapping Infrastructure database. This database shows that within 100 kilometres of Collie, the following biomass is available: cereal straw, 128 148 average yield tonnes; hardwood plantations residues, 154 562 tonnes per annum, dry weight; softwood plantations residues, 83 187 tonnes per annum, dry weight.

A report has been commissioned by the state government in relation to the bio-economy opportunities in Collie. This report is currently being finalised and is expected to be presented to government for consideration sometime in September 2019.