

SYNERGY — OUTAGE — COLLIE

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

I refer to my question without notice 598 asked on 13 June 2023 relating to Synergy's unscheduled outage of the 318-megawatt Collie power station, initially shut for maintenance in early April 2023, and as at 13 June 2023 unable to restart; and to Peter Milne's WAtoday article of 9 June, which stated —

Expensive and rarely used “last resort” diesel generators have been fired up for the past three evenings to maintain power to the south-west of WA due to shuttered coal-fired generators and little wind or solar energy.

- (1) Since 1 June 2023, how many times have diesel generators been fired up for power supply generation and continuity to the south west integrated system, and on what dates and for what time periods?
- (2) What generation capacity directives has the Australian Energy Market Operator issued in relation to the SWIS since 1 June 2023?
- (3) Given the answer to question without notice 598 states that since 1 June 2023, Synergy has fired up diesel generators for power supply generation and continuity on nil occasions, which of the two opposite accounts is accurate?

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.

- (1) According to the Australian Energy Market Operator's website, on 23 instances diesel generation facilities have generated electricity between 1 June and 13 June 2023. The duration and date of each facility operated during this period is outlined in the following table and is also publicly available on the AEMO website. I seek leave to have that table incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

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03-Jun				9am–12am	
04-Jun				12am–8am	
06-Jun	5pm–7pm	5pm–7pm	4pm–7pm	5pm–7pm	4pm–8pm
07-Jun	5pm–8pm	5pm–8pm	4pm–8pm	5pm–8pm	4pm–9pm
08-Jun	5pm–8pm	4pm–8pm	4pm–8pm	4pm–8pm	5pm–9pm
12-Jun	5pm–8pm	4pm–7pm	4pm–7pm	5pm–7pm	4pm–8pm
13-Jun	8am–12am	6pm–7pm			

- (2) Seven dispatch advisories that relate to lack of reserve were sent to market participants by AEMO between 1 June and 13 June 2023.
- (3) Question without notice 598 was about Synergy, not the south west interconnected system. As noted in question without notice 598, Synergy has not fired up any diesel generators in this period.