

SYNERGY — COAL IMPORTS

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

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

- (1) What is the current blending ratio of the imported Newcastle coal to local Collie coal?
- (2) As at 8 August 2023, how much of the imported coal has been blended to be used for electrical generation?
- (3) As at 8 August 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?
- (5) What was the total cost of getting the coal to Collie and blending it, and will the government now admit it has wasted that money?

**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) The blending ratio of the coal routinely changes to meet operational requirements, with the current ratio at 10 to one.
- (2) It is 71 kilotonnes of coal.
- (3) As above.
- (4) Approximately December 2023.
- (5) Synergy operates in a regulated competitive market with other market competitors. Due to this, the details of Synergy's contractual arrangements with coal suppliers including costs associated with delivery are commercial-in-confidence.