

COMMERCE — ENERGYSAFETY INVESTIGATION — ELECTROCUTION INCIDENT —
MANDURAH

5367. Mr D.A. Templeman to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to the electrocution of two school children in Mandurah on the 16 March 2015 and the subsequent investigation by *EnergySafety* and ask:

- (a) why has it taken more than 12 months for a publicly released final report from the minister's agency to be produced regarding this serious accident;
- (b) what has the minister done to ensure the report is completed and publicly released as soon as possible; and
- (c) when will the final report on this incident be released?

Mr P.T. Miles replied:

- (a) *EnergySafety*'s investigation into this accident has been completed. It has taken time because some technical aspects were complex and the agency wanted to ensure the investigation was thorough. It also had to wait to have access to the young victims who were recovering at the time and on the availability of other key witnesses.

As a corrective action, *EnergySafety* has sought and received assurances from Western Power that it has undertaken necessary steps to ensure all poles struck by vehicles are acted upon promptly and are made electrically safe as soon as practicable.

- (b) I asked to be provided with regular updates about the progress of the investigation while ensuring I did not put undue pressure for the investigation to be rushed.
- (c) *EnergySafety* will not be publishing a public report about the findings of its investigation. It has recently initiated legal proceedings against some parties involved in this accident.