

ENERGY — WIND FARMS

852. Mr P.J. Rundle to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the increasing interest in wind farms being discussed in my electorate of Roe and I ask:

- (a) Is the WA Government setting aside funding for the manufacturing and installation of wind turbines in WA;
- (b) Is the WA Government subsidising any wind turbines or intending to subsidise future wind turbines in WA;
- (c) If so, how much is the WA Government subsidising each turbine and where are these turbines located;
- (d) What is the future plan for any subsidisation of wind farms for WA;
- (e) Can you please provide a situational plan for where future wind farms are planned for WA, particularly within the Southwest Interconnected System;
- (f) Considering where the wind farms are planned to be located, can you also provide a network plan for transmission lines which do not already exist, if there are plans to build new transmission lines; and
- (g) Can you provide the current regulations in relation to placement of wind turbines pursuant to existing dwellings and farm boundaries.?

Mr W.J. Johnston replied:

- (a) Please refer this question to the Minister for State Development.
- (b) No.
- (c) N/A.
- (d) There is no future plan for subsidisation of wind farms in WA.
- (e) There is no situational plan for future wind farms. Wind farms are developed on commercial terms, and information on projects under development is publicly available.
- (f) Future plans for network expansion are being determined as part of the scoping and planning work that came out of the SWIS Demand Assessment, launched in May this year.
- (g) Please refer this question to the Minister for Planning.