

MINES AND PETROLEUM — COAL IMPORTS

685. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Corrective Services; Industrial Relations:

- (1) I refer to imports of coal and ask for the period 2022–23:
 - (a) How many shipments occurred and on what dates;
 - (b) What was the spot price per shipment paid for coal imports for Government-run power stations; and
 - (c) How many tonnes of coal were imported per shipment?
- (2) In relation to Muja power station:
 - (a) Please detail the average amount of coal stockpiled at Muja for the months:
 - (i) September 2022;
 - (ii) October 2022;
 - (iii) November 2022;
 - (iv) December 2022; and
 - (v) January 2023; and
 - (b) Since 2017, what has been the lowest amount of coal stockpiled at Muja and on what date did this occur?

Mr W.J. Johnston replied:

- (1)
 - (a) Two shipments, Shipment 1 arrived in Bunbury on 14 December 2022, Shipment 2 arrived in Bunbury on 27 December.
 - (b) Synergy operates in a regulated competitive market with other market competitors. Sharing costs would likely have an impact on Synergy's ability to negotiate a future coal price and may adversely impact the supplier's ability to operate competitively in the global market. Due to this, the details of Synergy's contractual arrangements with coal suppliers are commercial in confidence.
 - (c) Approximately 50,000 tonnes per shipment
- (2)
 - (a) (i)–(v) See table below

Month Year	Average of Muja* Coal Stockpile
September 2022	95,606
October 2022	144,186
November 2022	204,161
December 2022	294,042
January 2023	335,020

*Note: figures do not include coal stockpile at Collie Power Station.

- (b) 79,914 tonnes on 16 September 2022.