

WESTERN POWER — POLE REPLACEMENT — PRESTON SETTLEMENT

2927. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to Western Power's replacement of power poles at Preston Settlement (near Collie), and ask:

- (a) how many maintenance reports or requests about power poles at Preston Settlement were received in:
 - (i) 2012 and what was the basis of each report; and
 - (ii) 2013 and what was the basis of each report;
- (b) on what date were the poles listed as needing replacement/registered on Western Power's maintenance schedule;
- (c) when did power pole replacements commence in Preston Settlement; and
- (d) who performed the work on behalf of Western Power:
 - (i) if applicable, where is the contractor based;
 - (ii) if applicable, where is the contractor's workforce sourced from; and
 - (iii) if applicable, how much advance notice does the contractor require to provide a pole replacement team to perform the work?

Dr M.D. Nahan replied:

Western Power has liaised with the Office of the Member to better understand which power poles in Preston Settlement are the subject of the question, and has been advised that the poles near Lot 1 of Gardiner Road are the poles of specific interest. As such Western Power has limited its answer to this question to five power poles in the immediate vicinity of Lot 1 Gardiner Road in Preston Settlement.

- (a)
 - (i) 5 — Routine scheduled inspections.
 - (ii) 0
- (b) Of the five poles which were inspected in 2012, three were identified as needing replacement:
S869644 — 19/11/2012
S868489 — 19/11/2012.
S869645 — 19/11/2012.
- (c) 8/2/2014
- (d) Work was performed by Perth Power Lines and VEMCO.
 - (i) Perth Power Lines — Based in Wanneroo; VEMCO — Based in Welshpool
 - (ii) Perth Power Lines — Western Australia; VEMCO — Western Australia
 - (iii) A lead time of one day is required by contractors; however more notice is preferred if possible for logistical purposes.