

WESTERN POWER — OUTAGES — PAYMENTS

**129. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to Western Power's extended outage payment.

- (1) From 1 January 2024 to date, how many claims have been made for the \$120 payment?
- (2) From 1 January 2024 to date, how many claims have been made for the \$240 payment associated with the severe weather event?
- (3) Why is it necessary for the claimant to await restoration of power before being able to submit a claim, even though the 12-hour threshold could have been met days prior?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I note that this information was correct when this question was lodged yesterday, 12 March 2024. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Energy.

- (1) There have been 7 087 applications for the \$120 payment.
- (2) There have been 27 671 applications for the \$240 payment following the severe weather events.
- (3) As detailed on Western Power's website, there is no requirement to wait until restoration of power.