

DESALINATION PLANT, RENEWABLE ENERGY

115. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Minister Assisting the Minister for Water Resources:

I have a supplementary question. What will be the additional cost to the Water Corporation and consumers as a result of the government's insistence that renewable energy be purchased for the plant?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

I will be very happy to answer that question when we have concluded a supply contract for the energy the desalination plant will run on. As I indicated in the answer to the question last week, that is a matter that is still being negotiated; clearly, I cannot give any figures until that is the case.