

ELECTRICITY — OUTAGES — KALGOORLIE

123. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the live activation of non-co-optimised essential system services as part of western energy market reform of 1 October 2023 that replaces historical frameworks for network central services and dispatch support services.

- (1) Is the provision of Kalgoorlie's power supply captured under WEM's non-co-optimised essential system services incorporating system restart services as the Australian Energy Market Operator procures system restart services to restart the south west interconnected system in the event of a widespread blackout?
- (2) If yes to (1), who is the provider?
- (3) If no to (1), when will Kalgoorlie's power supply be safeguarded under WEMs' non-co-optimised essential system services?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Energy I provide the following answer.

- (1) No. The Australian Energy Market Operator has existing system restart services contracts, procured under the wholesale electricity market rules, that would enable it to restart the entire south west interconnected system in the event of a widespread blackout. Western Power has a separate SRS contract to restart the Kalgoorlie system when that system is islanded.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Western Power will soon commence the procurement of new non-co-optimised essential system services reliability services, including SRS services, for Kalgoorlie.