

DALYELLUP — ADSL BROADBAND CONNECTION

1135. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Regional Development

Dalyellup is a newly built suburb south of Bunbury with 3,500 residents and 1,200 houses. There are currently no new Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Broadband connections available to homes in Dalyellup. Applicants for ADSL internet connections have been informed that there are no longer any ports available for connection and the only current option available to residents is to connect to the costly Wireless Broadband with Telstra under a 3 year contract. Telstra is saying that they are not allowed to upgrade/expand their equipment to accommodate the new applicants. In relation to this issue I ask:

- (a) when can we expect this issue to be addressed;
- (b) what support can be given to these residents in the interim; and
- (c) what measures are currently in place to provide an ADSL Broadband service to these residences?

Mr B.J. GRYLLS replied:

- (a) Telstra has advised the SWDC that there are no immediate plans to upgrade ADSL capacity in Dalyellup.
- (b) A number of broadband services other than ADSL are available in Dalyellup. These include cable broadband supplier e-wire, Optus and Vodafone 3G services. The Australian Broadband Guarantee may provide subsidised satellite services where it has been proven ADSL cannot be provided.
- (c) Nil.