

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT — BIOENERGY — COLLIE

729. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the bio-energy project in Collie, and ask:

- (a) Has construction of the bio-energy waste recycling plant begun, and if not, why not;
- (b) When is construction expected to be completed;
- (c) How did Zen Energy come to be involved in the project;
- (d) How much private investment funding has Zen Energy delivered thus far to the project; and
- (e) How much has Zen Energy been paid from the government's \$9.4 million grant for the project?

Mr D.T. Punch replied:

- (a)–(b) Yes, construction of the bio-energy waste recycling plant was completed in March 2023. The plant is currently in a staged commissioning phase.
- (c)–(e) The State Government funding agreement for \$2 million towards the project is with Renergi Pty Ltd. Involvement of other entities is by commercial arrangement between these entities.