

ELECTRICITY - HEADWORKS CHARGES

5536. Hon Murray Criddle to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy

- (1) I refer to the Proposed Distribution Headworks Scheme, and ask under the terms of that scheme, what would be the estimated headworks charge for a new connection to a small business (single commercial applicant) requiring 25 kva in the following towns -
- (a) Beverley;
 - (b) Bremer Bay;
 - (c) Brookton;
 - (d) Calingiri;
 - (e) Corrigin;
 - (f) Cranbrook;
 - (g) Dalwallinu;
 - (h) Dongara;
 - (i) Dowerin;
 - (j) Frankland River;
 - (k) Goomalling;
 - (l) Guilderton;
 - (m) Jurien Bay;
 - (n) Lake Grace;
 - (o) Lancelin;
 - (p) Morawa;
 - (q) Mullewa;
 - (r) Nannup;
 - (s) Northcliffe;
 - (t) Peaceful Bay;
 - (u) Ravensthorpe;
 - (v) Walpole;
 - (w) Wongan Hills; and
 - (x) Wyalkatchem?
- (2) What would be the estimated headworks charge for a new connection to a single residential block in the towns of -
- (a) Beverley;
 - (b) Bremer Bay;
 - (c) Brookton;
 - (d) Calingiri;
 - (e) Corrigin;
 - (f) Cranbrook;
 - (g) Dalwallinu;
 - (h) Dongara;
 - (i) Dowerin;
 - (j) Frankland River;
 - (k) Goomalling;
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- (m) Jurien Bay;
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- (u) Ravensthorpe;
- (v) Walpole;
- (w) Wongan Hills; and
- (x) Wyalkatchem?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

Western Power has provided the Minister for Energy with the following response.

- (1) It is important to note that there is no charge if a lot is already serviced to the required capacity. For example, if a new business is being established on a lot that was previously used for commercial purposes, the new business owner would get a credit for the capacity used by the previous business owner. It is only when a new business is being established on an unserviced lot that the full headworks charge would apply.
[See paper 3478.]
- (2) It is important to note that there is no charge if a lot is already serviced to the required capacity. For example, an individual purchasing a residential lot in one of the towns listed below would not normally pay a headworks charge as the lot would already be serviced, or, in the case of a newly developed lot, the developer would have paid the headworks charge.
[See paper 3478.]