

**POWER OUTAGES, CARLOTTA**

*Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood*

**MR P.D. OMODEI** (Warren-Blackwood) [12.50 pm]: I raise a matter of great importance to my electorate; that is, the issue of power outages in the Carlotta area of the Shire of Nannup. In recent years it has suffered a great deal from power outages, which are unacceptable in this day and age. The people of Carlotta have experienced serious power outages over particularly the past four months. For example, on Saturday, 5 July, the power went out for 56 hours; on Tuesday, 8 July, it went out for three hours; on Saturday, 2 August - 23 hours; on Thursday, 21 August - 45 hours; on Monday, 1 September - two hours; and on Tuesday, 2 September - two hours. This kind of thing happens intermittently throughout the day. Western Power workers, who work above and beyond the call of duty and come out in inclement weather at all times of the day and night to fix these faults, describe the infrastructure as run down, poorly equipped and almost impossible to fix. If this occurred in any metropolitan electorate, this Government would regard it as unacceptable. It seems to be symbolic of the current Government that it cannot come to grips with issues relating to country areas and country problems. I call on the State Labor Government and Western Power to act immediately to resolve the issues at Carlotta that are causing huge concern for people in that area.