

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

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6179. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Energy.

I refer to Verve's use of spare and unused capacity on the South West Interconnected System, and ask --

- (1) When Western Power was disaggregated what was the total network capacity allocated to Verve?
- (2) How much declared sent out capacity was allocated at each of Verve's generation sites?
- (3) What conditions were stipulated for use of this capacity, such as term and relinquishment if not being used?
- (4) How much network capacity in total does Verve currently have reserved on the South West Interconnected System?
- (5) How much unused or underutilized capacity does Verve currently have in total?
- (6) How much unused or underutilized capacity does Verve currently have at each of its generation sites?
- (7) If Verve is not currently utilizing all of its allocated capacity, what is the estimated cost being paid by Verve to Western Power for this unused capacity?
- (8) What is the total cost of Verve's access to the network?

Answer

(1) 3,842.02 MW

(2)

NETWORK ACCESS AT 1 APRIL 2006	
SITE	DSOC ALLOCATED (MW)
Muja	1040
Kwinana	901
Pinjar	587
Collie	320
Kemerton	310

Cockburn	240
Mungarra	112
SWCJV (Worsley)	97
Kwinana Power Project	90
West Kalgoorlie	62
TiWest	36
Albany	21.6
Geraldton	21
Kalbarra Photovoltaic	0.02
Narrogin IWP	2
Bremer Bay Wind Diesel	0.6
Kalbarri Wind Farm	1.6
Rockingham Photovoltaic	0.2
TOTAL	3842.02

(3) An initial Electricity Transfer Access Contract (ETAC) was established at disaggregation and remained in force until replaced by a new ETAC following the establishment of Western Power's Network Access Arrangement.

The replacement ETAC was executed in 2010 with a term of ten years and an option to extend for a further 5 years. There was a mechanism in the ETAC for relinquishing unused capacity however there is no obligation to do so and Western Power has no right to unilaterally withdraw access capacity.

(4) 3,819.62 MW

(5) 36 MW

(6) 36 MW at Kwinana

(7) Approximately \$30,000 per month (inclusive of GST)

(8) Approximately \$4.3 Million per month (inclusive of GST)



Minister for Energy