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## QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Wednesday, 29 May 2013

Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy.

I refer to the answer given to question without notice 114; and I also refer to the presentation by Louise Avon-Smith, Western Power Sustainability Manager, to the WACOSS smart meter forum on 16th May, in which it was stated that the full smart meter rollout could not proceed until the Tariff and Concessions Framework Review was released later this year, and I ask:

- (1) Has the Minister directly advised all those who made submissions to the review that he does not intend to publish its findings?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) What alternative approach will the Minister adopt to address the failings of the current concessional arrangements, as identified by WACOSS and others?
- (4) Is planning under way to extend the smart meter trial to a full rollout?
- (5) If yes to (4), when will the rollout commence?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

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**I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.**

- (1) No.
- (2) The Minister has only recently been advised that the content of the Tariff and Concession Framework Review is no longer relevant. The Department of Finance will shortly make amendments to its website to advise that the Review will not be made public.
- (3) The Government has increased energy concessions by replacing the Supply Charge Rebate with the Cost of Living Assistance payment and extended energy concessions to households that are on-sold electricity.
- (4) No decision has been made at this time to extend the smart meter trial.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Not applicable.

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