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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**Question without notice
of which some notice has been given**

Tuesday, 17 June 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Regional Development

I refer to the State Government's Regional Mobile Communications Project, whereby Stage One provided 113 regional phone towers and Stage Two provides a further \$45 million over four years, as outlined in the State Budget, and I ask:

1. Is any of the Stage Two funding allocated to provide the community of Kunawarritji with a telecommunication tower?
2. If no to (1), why not?
3. If yes to (1), when will the tower be installed?

I thank the Member for some notice of this question

1. No funding has been allocated to any sites yet for the Stage Two funding.
2. Stage 2 of the Regional Telecommunications Project will move towards improving broadband accessibility in regional and remote communities. The exact location and number of priority sites identified cannot be confirmed until a business case for the funding has received Cabinet approval. Post approval a competitive tender evaluation process will be undertaken to contract a telecommunications provider. The provider will then work with Government to prioritise sites for implementation based on costs and benefits to ensure the best outcomes are achieved within the allocated \$45 million.
3. Not applicable.

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