

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 6 May 2014

1121. Hon Robin Chappie to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy.

- (1) Prior to the restructuring process, what was the total number of employees for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (2) How many employees were given redundancy packages during the restructuring process for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (3) What was the cost of the redundancy packages for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (4) How much revenue has the cut in the number of employees provided?
- (5) How many employees who received redundancy packages have since been hired as contract workers and/or consultants for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?
- (6) Regarding the answer to (5), what was the total cost of hiring the contract workers and/or consultants?
- (7) Currently, what are the total number of employees for:
 - (a) Horizon Power;
 - (b) Synergy and Verve; and
 - (c) Western Power?

Answer

- (1)(a) 545.73 FTE as at October 2013
- (b) 1090 as at 30 June 2013
- (c) 3,392 (data provided is Western Power headcount and excludes 360 staff contracted to provide customer funded work, casuals, contractors and vacant positions).
- (2)(a) 100 from Dec 2013 to end May 2014.
- (b) 21 as at 3 June 2014
- (c) 155
- (3)(a) From Nov 2013 until May 2014, \$11,274,985.33.
- (b) \$2.4m as at 3 June 2014
- (c) approx. \$17m

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(4) The estimated labour cost saving, to Horizon Power, as a result of the reduction in the number of employee positions (including vacant positions) from Dec 2013 to June 2014 is \$23 million pa.

Western Power's revenue is fixed as per its Access Arrangement. A reduction in the number of Western Power employees does not impact its revenue.

Synergy does not derive revenue from the decline in employee numbers.

(5)(a) 2 people

(b) 0

(c) Western Power has not directly hired any of the employees who received redundancy packages as contractors or consultants.

(6) Total cost, to Horizon Power, of hiring one contractor to end May 2014 was \$3,787.50.

The other contractor was paid \$27,978 for services, now completed.

Not Applicable to Western Power and Synergy.

(7)(a) 443 FTE as at the end of April 2014

(b) 1035 as at 30 April 2014

(c) 3,301 (plus 216 employees from in-sourcing customer funded work from Future Grid Alliance with Transfield Services and excluding causals, contractors and vacant positions).