

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 9 September 2014

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

With reference to the Pilbara Underground Power Project in Karratha (PUPP) and page 13 of Horizon Power's 2009/10 Annual Report, I ask:

1. Was the Karratha voltage upgrade of distribution voltage from 11 kV to 22 kV fiscally part of the PUPP?
2. What was the reason for the upgrade of distribution voltage from 11 kV to 22 kV?
3. If yes to 1.) what was the cost of the provision of the upgrade of the Bulgarra Substation and Pegs Creek Substation?
4. Were the power cables that were replaced in the process of the PUPP of greater power capacity than that previously used in the overhead system?
5. If yes to 1.) is it normal practice to bill the community for regional power upgrades?
6. If no to 1.) who financed the voltage upgrade?

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

1. Yes.
2. To increase the network capacity to accommodate growth in the City of Karratha.
3. \$23 million.
4. Yes.
5. No.
6. N/A

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