

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

1715. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy.

I refer to the Pilbara Underground Power Project (PUPP) in Karratha, specifically question on notice No. 977, and the Minister's answer to part (5) on 17 September 2014, confirming that it is not normal practice to bill the community for regional power upgrades, and I ask:

- (a) is the collection of ratepayers' monies by the City of Karratha for the upgrading of the State's high voltage energy assets levied by Horizon Power defined as a recoverable prescribed service charge under section 6.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995*;
- (b) where will the City of Karratha ratepayers' 25 percent depreciable assets be recorded; and
- (c) will these figures be reported in the financial reports and assets registers of Horizon Power, Royalties for Regions, Treasury of Western Australia and City of Karratha:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not?

Answer

- (a) Money being collected from property owners by the City of Karratha is to contribute to the cost of undergrounding high voltage infrastructure and has been levied as a service charge in accordance with section 6.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. As previously advised, charges for the upgrade of voltage from 11 kV to 22kV are not being levied against City of Karratha ratepayers.
- (b) Assets installed under the Pilbara Underground Power Project as part of Horizon Power's network will be recorded by Horizon Power as the utility will be managing these assets.
- (c) As owner of the network assets, Horizon Power will include these assets in its reporting.
- (d) N/A

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