

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

Tuesday, 17 February 2015

2592. Hon Robin Chappie to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy.

I refer to question without notice No. 1395, asked on Tuesday, 1 December 2014, and I ask:

- (a) when did Horizon Power first have dealings or communications with Centric Digital or any entity associated with Centric Digital;
- (b) when did Horizon Power enter into a contract or contracts with Centric Digital;
- (c) what was the nature of the contract(s);
- (d) did Mr Brendon Hammond declare any interest in any matters relating to Centric Digital whilst he was the Chairman of Horizon Power;
- (e) if yes to (d), on what date or dates were these declarations made;
- (f) did Mr Brendon Hammond advise the Executive or the Board of his Chairmanship of Centric Digital when he was appointed as Chairman of Horizon Power;
- (g) if yes to (f), when and how;
- (h) was Mr Brendan Hammond present at Horizon Power Board meetings when the Board discussed Centric Digital;
- (i) if yes to (h), please provide the dates for each meeting; and
- (j) when and how was the Minister first made aware of a conflict of interest?

**Answer**

- (a) August 2013
- (b) October 2013
- (c) To conduct an audit of Horizon Power's digital profile.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) 19/20 August 2013; 18 November 2013; 19 February 2014; 16 April 2014.
- (f) The Horizon Power Board has not been asked to make any decisions regarding the appointment of Centric Digital and as such, whilst declarations of interest have been made, none were in the context of an approval.
- (g) N/A
- (h) As discussed above, not in the context of decision making. Mr Hammond was present when an overview of Centric Digital's services was provided to the Board on 20 August 2013 and when Centric Digital presented their findings to the Board on 19 November 2015.
- (i) 20 August 2013; 19 November 2013.
- (j) 14 April 2014 during a meeting between Mr Hammond and the Minister.

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