

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

**Tuesday, 16 June 2015**

3216. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy.

(1) Will the Minister please provide a comparison of government spending over forward estimates in the 2015-16 Budget for the energy portfolio on fossil versus renewable energy power sources, including spending on new infrastructure and plant, fuel, upgrades (such as refurbishing existing plants), poles and wires upgrades?

(2) What proportion of the Budget has been spent in the last ten years on stationary energy infrastructure, and what proportion is renewable versus fossil sources?

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**Answer**

(1) No expenditure for new plant, fossil or renewable is forecast in the forward estimates. The forward estimates include around \$200 million to maintain existing fossil fuel plant and around \$3.5 billion in forecast expenditure from Western Power on the transmission and distribution network.

(2) As per the published Budget papers between 2005-06 and 2015-16 total renewable generation plant capital expenditure is around \$92 million and fossil fuel based generation plant capital expenditure is around \$1.4 billion.

*M. Nathan*