

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 22 September 2015

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

I refer to Question Without Notice 928 and CI043 asked in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 9 September and Tuesday, 15 September, regarding the review of Synergy contracts in relation to the installation of batteries and electric vehicles in households with solar panels, and ask:

1. When was the review completed?
2. Who was it conducted by?
3. What were the outcomes of this review?
4. When will the review be made public?
5. What changes will be implemented as a result of the review?

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

(1-5) Firstly, I want to clarify that the questions the Hon Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region, Robin Chappie refer to relate specifically to the language used in the application for installing or upgrading a renewable energy system and bi-directional metering, and the review into the language used has been completed.

However, as indicated by the Minister for Energy in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday 17 September 2015, the real issue is that there is currently no reference service or tariff structure available from battery storage and electric vehicle facilities.

The Minister can advise that Synergy and Western Power are currently developing a non-reference service that will allow for the exporting of electricity from those facilities. Western Power and Synergy are working closely to find a solution that will cater for the expected proliferation of those facilities in the future. The Minister will update the House when a solution has been developed in coming weeks.

