

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 18 February 2020

C102. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Energy

I refer to the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Damien and the impacts caused by a Horizon Power generation issue in the region of Karratha and a large number of electrical devices and appliances that were damaged or destroyed as a result of a power surge that occurred at that time and ask:

1. What caused the power surge?
2. When the power surge occurred, was it at the time of failure or reconnection?
3. Will the people and organisations who have had appliances destroyed or burnt out as a result of the power surge be compensated?
4. If no to 3, why not?
5. If yes to 3, what will be the compensation process?

Answer

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy

1. Horizon Power has advised that it does not have any evidence of a power surge occurring while Tropical Cyclone Damien affected Karratha. However, there was an interruption to mains power supply for several hours to the Karratha area during the cyclone.
- 2 - 5. Not applicable



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