

BUNBURY TO ALBANY GAS PIPELINE

**1352. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Energy:**

In 2016, having deemed it unviable, the Barnett government scrapped long-promised plans to build the Bunbury to Albany gas pipeline. The construction of this pipeline would bring gas to thousands of homes and businesses throughout the south west, as well as create greater commercial security and viability for towns like Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Manjimup, Mt Barker and Albany.

- (1) In light of the federal government's recent splurge on infrastructure projects, has the McGowan government applied for federal funding for this project, which would make it more viable; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Does the McGowan government have any plans to make this pipeline a reality and provide gas to the people of the south west; if so, when; and, if not, why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

- (1)–(2) No. The Bunbury to Albany gas pipeline was an election commitment of the former Liberal–National government that was not progressed.