

MUJA COAL-FIRED POWER STATION — CLOSURE

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

The closure of the Muja coal-fired power station in Collie six months earlier than scheduled will leave workers and their families without income six months earlier than they expected. This will impact hard on a town already in decline.

- (1) Does the government have any plans to help soften the impact of this premature closure?
- (2) Does the government have any plans to help drive job creation in Collie to help fill the hole in the town's economy that this closure will surely create?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The early closure of Muja AB power station, as reported in this morning's *The West Australian*, has no impact on Synergy staff at Muja outside of what was announced in May 2017.

- (1) Not applicable.
- (2) The McGowan Labor government is committed to investing in the future of Collie. The 2017–18 state budget includes a \$22 million investment over five years into the Collie futures fund to drive economic activity and to create long-term employment security for locals.