

CYCLONE SEROJA — WESTERN POWER — RECONNECTIONS

187. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the challenges faced by farmers in the midwest recovering from the effects of tropical cyclone Seroja, specifically regarding electrical service reconnections.

- (1) In which areas and/or localities are reconnection works incomplete?
- (2) Please provide a breakdown of each of those areas and the proportion to which works have been completed and estimated time to completion.
- (3) What actions are being taken to expedite these reconnection works?
- (4) Is the minister aware of reports that Western Power crews have not been recently sighted in locations such as West Binnu?

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Energy, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The line that runs from Yerina Spring Road, West Binnu to Northampton town site has sustained significant damage and works are incomplete in parts of the surrounding area. The majority of customers who remain without power are impacted by this work.
- (2) Customers whose premises are safe for reconnection are expected to be reconnected in the next two to three weeks, with work on the network expected to be complete by the end of June.
- (3) All available resources in the region are being deployed and contractors are in the area to bolster the restoration efforts.
- (4) No.