

HORIZON POWER — PRIVATISATION

282. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Energy:

Prior to the state election, on 7 March 2017, Mark McGowan released a statement on his website that read —

“Everyone knows that when you privatise State-owned utilities, power prices go up, and services go down
...

His website also stated —

... Western Australians could not afford to see their power bills go up even further.

In light of this statement, can the minister confirm that the government’s concerns extend to regional Western Australians who rely on Horizon Power for their energy needs, and rule out the partial or full sale of this utility during this term of government?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

The government is not considering the privatisation of Horizon Power.