

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CHARGES — CONCESSIONS

5936. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister representing the Minister for Energy

Will the Minister ensure the Government continues the rebate for currently eligible applicants on supply charges, account establishment fees and reduced meter testing, plus the rebate for dependent children, to the end of the Barnett Government's term in March 2013; and

(a) if not, why not?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

The Government has no intention of reducing the rebates, concessions and hardship assistance currently available to eligible households. The 2011–12 Budget assumes funding for these items over the forward estimates period to 2014–15.

As part of the Tariff and Concession Framework Review undertaken by the Office of Energy in partnership with the Western Australian Council of Social Service, existing energy concessions have been considered. However, while the structure of assistance may change as a result of the review, the level of assistance will not be reduced.