

KUNAWARRITJI — TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER

638. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the state government's regional mobile communications project, whereby stage 1 provided 113 regional phone towers and stage 2 will provide a further \$45 million over four years as outlined in the state budget.

- (1) Is any of stage 2 funding allocated to provide the community of Kunawarritji with a telecommunication tower?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), when will the tower be installed?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question

- (1) No funding has been allocated to any site yet for stage 2 funding.
- (2) Stage 2 of the regional telecommunications project will move towards improving broadband accessibility in regional and remote communities. The exact location and number of priority sites identified cannot be confirmed until a business case for the funding has received cabinet approval. Post-approval, a competitive tender evaluation process will be undertaken to contract a telecommunications provider. The provider will then work with government to prioritise sites for implementation based on costs and benefits to ensure the best outcomes are achieved within the allocated \$45 million.
- (3) Not applicable.