

RESIDENTIAL NET FEED-IN TARIFF — REVIEW

5776. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the minister representing the Minister for Energy

Regarding the Minister's announced changes to the residential net feed-in tariff scheme following a review by the Office of Energy, I ask:

- (a) who was consulted during the review;
- (b) why has the review remained confidential;
- (c) when will the review be publicly available; and
- (d) what factors were considered when setting the scheme cap of 150 megawatts?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

- (a) The review was primarily an assessment of future budget impacts carried out in light of changes to system prices and the level of up-take observed over the first few months of the scheme. The review provided options to the Government to consider in light of likely future budget impacts. Consultation was limited to industry bodies the Sustainable Energy Association and the Clean Energy Council as well as Synergy, Horizon Power and Western Power.
- (b) The review report is Cabinet in confidence.
- (c) The review report is Cabinet in confidence and will not be made public.
- (d) Cap options were assessed based on considerations including the acceptable upper limit on the financial liability of the Government; the caps adopted in other jurisdictions; and the anticipated rate of take-up.