

HOUSING AUTHORITY — SOLAR PANELS

413. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to a Department of Housing press release on 7 August 2013 headed “Solar panel trial for public housing properties”.

- (1) What were the outcomes of the trial?
- (2) Please table the analysis of the trial.
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) What steps, if any, have been taken to extend the program beyond a trial?
- (5) If no steps have been taken, why not?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

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

- (1)–(5) In 2013, the Housing Authority completed the installation of 412 one-kilowatt solar photovoltaic systems to metropolitan public housing properties for a trial with the Public Utilities Office. The Public Utilities Office is conducting the benefits analysis of the trial. The Housing Authority has no plans to extend the trial; however, once the outcomes of the analysis are known, it will be considered in future plans.