

JIGALONG — POWER STATION

812. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Has the department budgeted royalties for regions funding to build a new power station and electrical distribution network in Jigalong?
- (2) If no to (1), where will the funds come from for a new power station and electrical distribution network in Jigalong?
- (3) Why are the funds not used to construct a solar or wind-powered station instead?
- (4) Does the minister agree that savings to the community and the environment from solar or wind energy would be much appreciated by the community?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3)–(4) Alternative power sources were not considered a cost-effective solution for Jigalong.