

KARRATHA — UNDERGROUND POWER PROJECT

**1049. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 1014 and media reports that the Shire of Roebourne can afford to contribute only its budgeted \$21 million to the Karratha underground power project.

- (1) Once the current stage of the Karratha project is complete, is it the government's intention that further work not continue until a commitment of further funds is received from the Shire of Roebourne?
- (2) If the government intends to proceed with the project without a further funding commitment from the shire, will the minister commit to funding the full cost of the remaining stages of the project?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) Horizon Power, in conjunction with the Pilbara underground power project steering committee, is discussing future funding arrangements with all project partners, including the Shire of Roebourne. Any additional government funding allocation will be subject to future budget processes.