

ELECTRICITY CHARGES — CARNARVON, KALGOORLIE AND ONSLOW

616. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Energy:

What was the average residential electricity bill for householders living in the towns of Carnarvon, Kalgoorlie and Onslow for the periods 13 June to 13 August 2008, 2009 and 2010?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The average residential electricity bill in Kalgoorlie was \$160. Horizon Power is unable to provide data for Onslow and Carnarvon in 2008 in the time frame requested because this information resides in a legacy customer information system that was managed by Synergy and has since been replaced; therefore, the data for this period is no longer available.

From 13 June to 13 August 2009 the average bill for householders in Kalgoorlie—Synergy—was \$213.87 and for 2010, \$202.26; Carnarvon, 2009—Horizon Power—\$82; 2010, \$97.66; Onslow, 2009—Horizon Power—\$63.77; 2010, \$113.46.

Data provided by Horizon Power for Onslow for the June 2009 period is incomplete, as the billing period coincided with the changeover from one billing platform to another billing platform. As a result, the difference between the June to August 2009 period and June to August 2010 period is overstated. It should be noted that billing is conducted on a bimonthly basis and, as such, the periods provided will contain data for some customers that have been billed once, as well as data for those billed twice.