

ENERGY — BATTERY INSTALLATION

471. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the government's pre-budget drop in today's newspaper announcing a \$2.8 billion spend on new battery storage and wind generation.

- (1) What is the size of the proposed new battery in Collie and the expansion of the Kwinana battery in megawatt hours?
- (2) What is the projected cost of each separate project?
- (3) Is the funding for these two projects coming from the \$3.8 billion for new green power infrastructure around the state announced in a media statement by the Premier and the Minister for Energy on 14 June 2022?
- (4) If no to (3), what is the total amount now committed by the government for new green power infrastructure around the state?
- (5) Is this new spending separate from the June 2022 announcement; and, if so, in what account is this money being held?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Treasurer.

- (1)–(5) This information was published in the media statement released this morning by the Premier and the Minister for Energy and in the 2023–24 budget papers.

The battery energy storage system in Collie will provide around 500 megawatts for up to four hours. The 200-megawatt Kwinana battery energy storage system 2 will provide four hours of storage, complementing the existing big battery at Kwinana. The battery systems are estimated to cost a total of \$2.3 billion, with the specific costs for each project subject to finalised business cases. This is part of the state's pipeline of investment for wind and storage to replace the state-owned coal-generation capacity, which is due for retirement by 2030.