

ENERGY — SOLAR PANELS — SCHOOLS

765. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the July 2020 \$5.5 billion Recovery Plan and I ask:

- (a) How many schools have been transformed into smart, green Virtual Power Plants, with solar panels and commercial batteries allowing the local community to contribute and withdraw solar power they generate, reducing power bills for the school and the community – since July 2020?

Mr W.J. Johnston replied:

- (a) 10 schools received batteries as part of Schools Virtual Power Plant funded through the Recovery Plan. These batteries are fully operational and being orchestrated. The VPP for Schools program has been expanded to an additional 7 schools.