

WESTERN POWER — THREE-PHASE POWER CONNECTION — SOUTH WEST

220. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to Western Power's acknowledgement of the significant time frame blowout in the validation and design phase for proponents in the south west seeking connection to three-phase power.

- (1) As at 13 March 2023, what is the current time frame for validation of applications seeking connection to three-phase power in the south west?
- (2) What is the current time frame for detailed design and issuing of quotes to proponents seeking connection to three-phase power in the south west?
- (3) What is the current time frame for construction for proponents seeking connection to three-phase power in the south west?
- (4) How many applications for three-phase power connection are in —
 - (a) the validation stage;
 - (b) the design stage; and
 - (c) the construction phase?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the parliamentary secretary, the following response has been provided by the Minister for Energy.

- (1) Of the 792 applications received, 141 were no longer required as they were cancelled, and 356 applications passed through the validation stage and paid the design fee to progress to the design stage. For these applications, the average time in the validation phase was 11 days. The longest application in the validation phase over this period was 172 days, of which 62 days was with the customer waiting for further information.
- (2) There have been 406 designs completed, and quotes were issued over this period for the south west region. For these requests, the average time in the design and quote phase was 103 days.
- (3) There were 260 projects that completed construction over a period for the south west region. For these requests, the average time in the construction phase was 110 days from customer payment to construction complete.
- (4)
 - (a) There are 325 applications in progress for the validation stage.
 - (b) There are 189 requests in progress for the design and quote stage.
 - (c) There are 212 projects in the construction phase. They are scheduled and not on hold with the customer.