

RENEWABLE ENERGY

1180. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to comments made by the minister in an interview that aired on the ABC's 7.30 program on 4 October 2023 in which he stated, "We expect to achieve our stated ambition of 82 per cent renewable energy by 2030."

- (1) Can the minister please table the documentation that states Western Australia's ambition for 82 per cent renewable energy by 2030?
- (2) If not, did the minister mislead the Western Australian public on the ABC's 7.30 program when he claimed that WA had a stated ambition of 82 per cent renewable energy by 2030?
- (3) Based on current commitments, what is WA's renewable energy percentage expected to be by 2030, and please table evidence of this if applicable?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

The comment was specific to the south west interconnected system, as the minister's answer to the journalist made clear. As the member knows, renewable energy targets relate to energy markets, and the wholesale electricity market in the south west interconnected system is the only energy market in Western Australia.

- (1) The comment was made in the context of the commonwealth government's stated policy of 82 per cent renewable energy by 2030 and the shared commitments that have been made to that policy at national energy ministers' meetings.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The *SWIS demand assessment* models a projected 84 per cent renewable energy contribution in 2030. This was released in May 2022.