

McGOWAN GOVERNMENT — ENERGY PERFORMANCE

**701. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Energy:**

I have a supplementary question. Given the report outcomes, will the minister guarantee that we will not see excessive power —

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please, Minister for Transport!

**Dr D.J. HONEY:** Given the report outcomes, will the minister guarantee that we will not see excessive power outages this summer due to unnecessary repair delays during hot weather?

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON replied:**

That is an interesting question—“unnecessary”. What is unnecessary? There will always be more delays in hot weather than in cold weather.

**Dr D.J. Honey:** The Shepherd report said there were unnecessary delays before.

**Dr A.D. Buti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please, member!

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** Do not verbal Michelle Shepherd. She never said the word “unnecessary” and that there were unnecessary delays. That word is never used in the Michelle Shepherd report. The fact that the member continues to use these things, in this chamber, that he knows not to be true is a big reflection on him as an individual person and as a contributor to this Parliament. The member for Cottesloe and his colleagues need to have a think about that. I keep making the point to the member for Vasse: when she becomes leader, make Hon Dr Steve Thomas —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** — the shadow Minister for Energy because he will do a better job than the member for Cottesloe.