

SYNERGY — SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE CAPACITY — PAYMENTS

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

I refer to each of the financial years 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23 and 2023–24 to date.

- (1) What payments has Synergy made to the Australian Energy Market Operator?
- (2) What other payments has the state government made to AEMO, apart from those listed from Synergy in (1)?
- (3) How much of these payments in each year was made to cover AEMO's cost of supplementary reserve capacity payments?
- (4) What is the total supplementary reserve capacity payments paid by Synergy and the whole of government for the period 1 December 2023 to 13 March 2024?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Energy, I provide the following answer.

- (1) As a market participant, Synergy makes weekly payments to AEMO for various activities.
- (2) None.
- (3)–(4) AEMO manages the supplementary reserve capacity, and the cost is allocated between all market participants as part of the wider market fees. AEMO does not provide a specific line-item charge for supplementary reserve capacity.