

ENERGY — SOLAR PANEL CURTAILMENT

1251. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to the Western Australian Government's solar panel curtailment rules which allow for all new and upgraded solar photovoltaics (PV) and battery energy storage installations with an inverter capacity of 5 kW or less to be remotely turned down or switched off from 14 February 2022, and I ask:

- (a) please provide a table with a list of times and dates from 14 February 2022 to date that a curtailment has occurred as a result of these rules;
- (b) what was the duration of each curtailment in (a);
- (c) how many kW hours are the curtailments in (a), equivalent to;
- (d) when a curtailment takes place, does it occur across the entire grid for the whole of the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) or do curtailments occur by zones; and
- (e) if curtailments are by zone, which zones experienced the highest number of curtailments (please provide top 3 if available)?

Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:

- (a) Not applicable. Curtailment under Emergency Solar Management (ESM) has not been triggered to date.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) If a curtailment takes place and Emergency Solar Management (ESM) is called upon, it will be applied equitably to minimise the impact on individual customers or locations.
- (e) Not applicable.