

STATE BUDGET — ELECTRICITY CREDIT — HORIZON POWER

500. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Premier's media statement of Thursday, 12 May 2022, titled "Strong surplus delivers all WA households a \$400 electricity credit", and to remote Aboriginal communities where individuals have to purchase prepaid power cards from their local store.

- (1) How will the \$400 credit be provided to individuals who have to purchase prepaid power cards?
- (2) If there is a provision to provide this \$400 credit to Aboriginal households using prepaid power cards, how will this information be provided to the communities?
- (3) If there is no provision to provide the \$400 credit to Aboriginal households using prepaid power cards, why not?
- (4) If there is no provision to provide this credit to Aboriginal households using prepaid power cards, will this now be rectified?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The \$400 household electricity credit will be automatically applied as a credit on all eligible Horizon Power accounts, including those using its prepaid products. This is consistent with the delivery of the \$600 HEC in 2020. Top-up cards are no longer used for prepaid accounts; instead, any payments are directly added to accounts, providing up-to-date balance information for customers.
- (2) Horizon Power is communicating directly with its customers regarding the HEC, including through printed materials in communities with prepaid meters. Information about the HEC will be provided to all points of sale for prepaid accounts. I note that the household electricity credit does not commence until 1 July 2022.
- (3)–(4) Not applicable.