

GREEN POWER INFRASTRUCTURE

59. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the joint government media statement of 14 June 2022 from the Minister for Energy and the Premier stating —

- McGowan Government, through Synergy, to invest an estimated \$3.8 billion in new green power infrastructure around the State, including in Collie and regional WA
 - Investment expected to pay for itself by 2030–31 relative to status quo of increasing electricity subsidies
- (1) What modelling has the McGowan government undertaken or workshopped to arrive at the expectation that this purported \$3.8 billion will be cost neutral with the status quo within eight years?
 - (2) What department or agency of the government or an external contractor undertook the cost modelling on the green power infrastructure projects?
 - (3) Will the minister table for the house the modelling and assessment process that concluded that this investment will be cost neutral; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) Financial modelling has been undertaken by the Department of Treasury and agencies involved in Western Australia’s decarbonisation. This modelling was prepared for consideration by cabinet.