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GAS CONNECTIONS

902. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the Victorian Labor government's announcement that gas connections will be banned in new homes from 2024.

- (1) Is the minister aware that
 - (a) gas in homes is responsible for up to 12 per cent of childhood asthma;
 - (b) homes that are fully electrified save an average of \$1 200 a year compared with homes using gas;
 - (c) on average, fully electrified homes save 11 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year compared with homes using gas?
- (2) Given the overwhelming health, economic and environmental benefits of fully electrified homes, is the state government investigating following Victoria's lead and banning gas connections in new homes?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. Honourable member, I have not seen that question. It did not appear in my pack earlier in the day. If for some reason it was lodged and an answer is available, I will ask somebody to bring it in and provide it at the end of question time.