

WESTERN POWER — POLE-TOP CLEANING

81. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer the minister to a spate of recent power outages caused by fires atop power poles.

- (1) Does Western Power still conduct pole-top cleaning on a regular basis across the metropolitan area?
- (2) If yes, how regularly is such cleaning undertaken, particularly during this time of year, when even the lightest of rainfalls might reasonably be expected to cause issues and outages?

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)–(2) Western Power does not conduct line washing in the metropolitan area.