

ELECTRICITY — OUTAGES — COMPENSATION

**596. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to the current compensation scheme for power outages over 12 hours long.

- (1) Does the minister believe that the current compensation scheme, which entitles those who suffer from a prolonged outage to up to \$120 an event, is sufficient?
- (2) Is he satisfied with the process in place for those who suffer financial cost in excess of the maximum compensation to request a higher amount?

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON replied:**

- (1)–(2) I believe that it is a good scheme. It is above or equal to all the schemes in every other state in Australia and it is double what was provided by the former Liberal government.