

ENERGY — BATTERY INSTALLATION — COLLIE

844. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:

I refer to public comments by Synergy’s senior renewable engineer who indicated in the *Collie River Valley Bulletin* of 1 June 2023 that up to 500 workers might be required for construction of Collie’s proposed big battery, but that once the project is operational “there will be a significant workforce reduction” and was quoted as saying “this is a highly autonomous facility”.

- (1) How many permanent full-time jobs will be delivered after the Collie big battery is finished construction?
- (2) How many of those jobs will be in Collie?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Energy and I answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy.

- (1)–(2) The Collie big battery is the first of its kind and size for the Collie region. Operational role requirements will be determined closer to the battery becoming operational.