

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTION

Electricity Generation and Retail Corporation (Synergy)

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC asked:

- 1) I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 2, page 797, point 5.1. The smart energy pilot saved 500 public housing tenants up to \$200 within six months. This program wasn't expanded. I ask:
- (a) Why wasn't this program expanded;
 - (b) Is Synergy working with Department of Communities on this issue to expand smart energy programs;
 - (c) What modelling has been done to determine costs and benefits for a broader roll out; and
 - (d) If modelling in (c) has occurred, can it please be provided and tabled?

- a) Why wasn't this program expanded?

Answer: As the Smart Energy for Social Housing (**SESH**) is a pilot program, any decision to expand will be informed by the outcomes and learnings from the pilot. Synergy is pleased to be working with social housing tenants to access energy savings from solar and will use the learnings to explore other opportunities with the Department of Communities in the future.

- b) Is Synergy working with Department of Communities on this issue to expand smart energy programs;

Answer: Synergy is working with the Department of Communities to deliver the pilot to 500 social housing properties and will use the learnings from the pilot project to explore future opportunities. Synergy will continue to help customers harness the power of renewable energy, enabling them to better manage their energy consumption and save on their household bills.

- c) What modelling has been done to determine costs and benefits for a broader roll out; and

Answer: As this is a pilot program, no modelling on a broader roll out has been undertaken by Synergy.

- d) If modelling in (c) has occurred, can it please be provided and tabled?

Answer: N/A

Minister's initials

