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ESTIMATES COMMITTEE INQUIRES INTO WESTERN POWER

The Estimates and Financial Operations Committee today announced that it has commenced an inquiry into whether the Minister for Energy or Western Power misled the Committee during the Estimates hearings for the 2011/12 Budget.

The report *'Unassisted Failure'* tabled in January 2012 by the Standing Committee on Public Administration indicated that Western Power may have misled the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee in answers to questions about its wooden power pole network.

The Committee will now investigate if it was misled by the Minister or any other witness and whether the budget papers sufficiently disclosed risks associated with Western Power's capital expenditure.