

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR CHOI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (MR ROBERTSON) —

QUESTION:

How much has ENERGEX spent in 2002-03 on maintenance of its electricity network and how much does it intend to spend in 2003-04?

ANSWER:

In 2002-03 ENERGEX spent \$71.3 million on the maintenance of its electricity network. This amount excludes the cost of overheads.

In 2003-04 ENERGEX has advised the cost of maintaining its network will be \$71.6 million, which also excludes the cost of overheads.

Preventative maintenance programs including vegetation, pole inspection, and feeder inspection patrols are carried out as a matter of routine across ENERGEX's electricity network.

Based on the relative length of the 11 kilovolt network in the Capalaba, Cleveland and Redlands areas compared to the overall length of ENERGEX's 11 kilovolt network, the cost to ENERGEX to maintain its network in these areas is approximately \$2 million for each of these two financial years.
