

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 823

asked on Tuesday, 17 August 2004

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

QUESTION:

Will he outline the work to be undertaken by Energex in the electorate of Mount Coot-tha to enhance the reliability of the electricity supply, particularly under the Suburban Sensitive Area Project?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

As part of the Suburban Sensitive Area Project, ENERGEX is spending approximately \$250,000 undertaking substantial works in the Toowong and Milton areas. This includes:

- Visual inspection of all high voltage powerlines;
- Use of thermographic imaging on high voltage lines to detect hot spots before a fault arises;
- Vegetation management;
- Installation of line spacers on low voltage power lines to stop powerline clashing;
- Wildlife proofing of high voltage pole terminations to prevent possums and other wildlife causing interruptions to supply; and
- Installation of line fault indicators which will make it quicker for ENERGEX crews to locate faults and restore supply.

ENERGEX is also proposing to spend approximately \$25.7 million on capital works projects in the same area over the 2004-05 and 2005-06 financial years. This includes:

- Replacing 33 kilovolt (kV) underground feeder cables between Toowong and Indooroopilly;
- Replacing 33 kV underground feeder cables between Toowong and Taringa;
- Replacing 33 kV underground feeder cables between Ashgrove and Enoggera;
- Installing new 33 kV underground feeder cables between Ashgrove West and Ashgrove;
- Installing new 33 kV underground feeder cables between Ashgrove West and Toowong;
- Upgrading 11 kV underground feeder connections to substations at Toowong; and
- Installing new earth connection on 110 kV feeders at Milton Substation.