

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday 22 March 2005

MR LANGBROEK ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POLICY (MR MICKEL)—

QUESTION:

Will he provide the following details for interruptions of the supply of electricity via the 11 kV feeder network for each day of 2004 (reported separately) including:

- (a) date of the interruptions;
- (b) total number of interruptions;
- (c) total number of customers affected by all interruptions; and
- (d) the average duration of the interruptions for all feeders servicing and supplying the greater Brisbane regions?

ANSWER:

I am advised by ENERGEX that it does not aggregate feeder performance under a strict 'Brisbane' definition. Information based on the operational hubs which generally service this area, if provided, could be misinterpreted if listed under a 'Brisbane' category.

I am further advised the outage information (ENERGEX's planned and unplanned outages) is published on the ENERGEX website and updated on a regular basis.

ENERGEX has invested a record \$421 million on capital works this financial year, including an \$85 million accelerated works program, which has increased the network capacity by 600MW or almost 16%. ENERGEX will continue the capital investment program until it has delivered an increasingly robust and resilient electricity network that is capable of absorbing the high levels of energy load growth that is consistently experienced across south east Queensland.

ENERGEX and Ergon Energy are implementing the recommendations of the Somerville Report into Electricity Distribution and Service Delivery.

I recently announced that of the 44 recommendations, 14 have been fully implemented. A further 11 are on schedule for completion and two of those recommendations will be finalised when the Queensland Competition Authority hands down its final determination for ENERGEX and Ergon Energy next month.

The other 19 recommendations are long-term and these will be monitored and continuously improved through the Annual Network Management plans which are required under the new Electricity Industry Code.

I am proud of the progress which has been made over the last few months and I wish to thank my Department and the employees of ENERGEX and Ergon Energy for their hard work and commitment to responding to the Somerville recommendations.

We are getting on with the job of delivering a reliable, secure power supply to Queensland's electricity customers.