

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 541

**asked on Tuesday, 17 April 2007**

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**MR WENDT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—**

**QUESTION:**

Will he detail capital expenditure on generation, including co-generation, transmission and distribution in the Ipswich region last year?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for his question.

During the 2006-07 financial year to date over \$96 million has been invested in the Ipswich region. This investment includes:

- \$2.4 million by CS Energy in capital projects at the Swanbank Power Station.
- \$75 million by Powerlink Queensland on a number of electricity transmission projects in the region including:
  - the establishment of the Goodna Substation;
  - the construction of the Middle Ridge to Greenbank transmission line; and
  - the construction of a 275/110 kilovolt extension to the Abermain Substation.
- Over \$18.9 million by ENERGEX on capital projects on its electricity distribution network. This work builds on the \$24.98 million that ENERGEX invested in the area during the 2005-06 financial year.
- Major ENERGEX projects recently completed or soon to commence field construction in the Ipswich region include:
  - significant upgrades to the capacity of the local electricity distribution network in the suburbs of North Ipswich, Ebbw Vale, Ipswich South, Springfield and the Ipswich CBD area;
  - upgrades and capacity increases to the main electricity supply substations at North Ipswich, Karrabin and Amberley;
  - the commencement of work on a new substation at Loowood and a new 110 kilovolt major powerline to Wulkuraka; and
  - a new major supply substation at Goodna that will enable ENERGEX, in conjunction with Powerlink, to support the growing power demand in the Brisbane/Ipswich corridor.