QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday, 7 February 2007

MS MALE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MINES AND ENERGY (MR WILSON)—

QUESTION:

Will he advise of capital infrastructure that is being developed in the electorate of Glasshouse to ensure that as the population increases, that residents will have access to reliable power supply?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

In December 2006, ENERGEX commissioned a 33/11 kilovolt substation at Landsborough at a cost of \$8.3 million. The new modular styled substation is equipped with a 25 mega volt amp transformer capable of supplying up to 7,500 customers. The substation's four new 11 kilovolt feeders supply customers at Landsborough and Glenview and to the north of Beerwah.

ENERGEX is also planning to establish a 33/11 kilovolt modular substation at Glasshouse within the next few years to reinforce supply to the 2,400 customers in the Glasshouse area. ENERGEX is currently in the process of identifying suitable sites for the substation.

The new substations will cater for the anticipated load growth in these areas for the next 10 to 15 years and improve operational flexibility for faster restoration of supply after system emergencies such as storms. The length of distribution feeders will also be shortened significantly thus helping to improve the reliability of supply.