

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Wednesday 23 May 2007

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

QUESTION:

What has the Government done to improve electricity supply for residents and businesses in Annerley and Buranda?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

In the 2006-07 fiscal year (July 2006 to May 2007), ENERGEX invested over \$19 million in the electricity distribution network in Annerley, Buranda and surrounding areas to increase the distribution network capacity, improve reliability of electricity supply, and enhance safety.

The largest project was the upgrade of Wellington Road substation at East Brisbane that provides supply to parts of Buranda as part of a major reinforcement project to the Brisbane CBD network, known as CityGrid. The works at Wellington Road substation involved the installation of two 110/11 kilovolt transformers that more than tripled the substation's capacity from 50 to 170 megawatts, at a cost of \$9.3 million. In Annerley, ENERGEX installed two new 11,000 volt underground cables to cater for load growth in the area and improve security to the network, at a cost of \$2.9 million.

ENERGEX also installed, upgraded, or replaced 39 local distribution transformers that supply businesses and residences with 240 volt electricity supply, at a cost of \$2.5 million. In addition, over \$4.4 million was invested on other minor capital works, including replacing power poles, upgrading the high and low voltage networks, installing streetlights, and upgrading electricity supply to customers' premises.