QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 503

asked on Wednesday, 16 April 2008

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

QUESTION:

Will he detail the upgrades that have taken place and the continuing upgrades to take place in the very busy and growing electorate of Bulimba?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

With reference to network upgrades in the electorate of Bulimba, I have been advised by ENERGEX and Powerlink that:

(1) New high capacity underground cables have been installed from Doboy bulk supply substation to Bulimba substation to cater for load growth and to improve reliability of supply to the Bulimba area. The project was completed in October 2007 at a cost of $2.8 million.

(2) The capacity of the Queensport substation is to double with the replacement of two existing 12.5MVA transformers with 25MVA units at a cost of $3.2 million. The first transformer was commissioned in October 2007 with the second unit scheduled for replacement in the latter half of 2008.

(3) The capacity of the Camp Hill substation that supplies load in the southern part of the Bulimba electorate is to double with the replacement of two existing 12.5MVA transformers with 25MVA units at a cost of $2.7 million. The first transformer was commissioned in February 2008 with the second unit scheduled for replacement in the latter half of 2008.

(4) ENERGEX has also spent an additional $2.8 million since July 2007 to connect new domestic, commercial, and industrial customers in the Bulimba area as well as an additional $1.5 million in miscellaneous works such as improvements to the low voltage network and for street lights.

(5) In 2006 Powerlink completed a $52 million project to construct a new transmission line from Belmont to a new substation at Murarrie to help reinforce high voltage power supply to the Brisbane CBD and TradeCoast (South) region and provide a continued secure supply of electricity to the residential areas South East of the Brisbane River.