

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 49

asked on 15 February 2017

MR S KING ASKED THE MINISTER FOR MAIN ROADS, ROAD SAFETY AND PORTS AND MINISTER FOR ENERGY, BIOFUELS AND WATER SUPPLY (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how much extra capacity our Queensland electricity network exported interstate over the recent weekend heatwave?

ANSWER:

On Friday, 10 February 2017 the peak electricity export to New South Wales (NSW) was 1186 megawatts (MW) at 5.00 pm. On Saturday, 11 February 2017 the maximum export to NSW was 931 MW at 6.30 am. On Sunday, 12 February 2017 the maximum export to NSW was 1122 MW at 6.30 am. These were the export flows when the Queensland/NSW Interconnector and Terranora Interconnector flows were at their peak, which are different to the times of peak customer demand.

At 5.00 pm on Sunday, 12 January 2017, Queensland had reached a new demand record for electricity consumption of 9369 MW. This breaks the previous record recently set on 18 January 2017 this year. However, even when Queensland hit this new maximum demand record, Queensland still had 548 MW in reserve capacity.