

Question on Notice

No. 1505

Asked on 16 November 2023

MR R KATTER asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to statements on 8 November and in response to an extended national Optus outage, the Deputy Premier was quoted in the Courier Mail saying telecommunications providers were ‘essential services and they need to behave that way’, calling on Optus to ‘look to their responsibility to their customers and others who’ve been affected and to make sure that they are appropriately compensated’—

Will the Deputy Premier advise if he will be making similar statements in relation to electricity provision which is also an essential service, given that residents of North West Queensland who – on multiple occasions this year alone – have had to endure extended power outages as a result of system failures by local monopoly energy supplier, the APA Group?

ANSWER:

As the matter falls within the responsibility of the Department of Energy and Public Works, I refer the Member to the Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement.