Question on Notice
No. 697
Asked on 23 June 2026

HON L ENOCH ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the almost 100 small and medium sized businesses in Jude Court and Eastern Road, Browns Plains who have been financially impacted by planned Energex power outages—

Will the Treasurer explain why power outages for operating businesses do not occur outside business hours such as on weekends or in the evening so as to limit the loss of revenue for struggling small businesses?

ANSWER:

On 13 July 2026, shareholding Ministers wrote to Energy Queensland to reiterate the Government's expectation that, when undertaking planned maintenance work, Energy Queensland make all reasonable efforts to minimise impacts on customers, including small businesses.

Consistent with the Government's previously stated position (refer Question on Notice No. 225-2026), planned network maintenance and upgrades affecting businesses should be undertaken outside business operating hours, including at night or on weekends, where practical and safe to do so.