

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Dunham

to Minister for Essential Services

Increase in Power Water sewerage charges

Operating on its new commercial basis, Power Water has increased water and sewerage charges by 7.5% over twelve months.

Given this commercial imperative, how can you guarantee that Power Water won't increase electricity charges on the same basis?

ANSWER

The Government has given a commitment that the price of electricity for domestic customers will not increase during this term of office.

The electricity prices for domestic and non-contestable commercial customers which can be charged by Power and Water are set by pricing orders issued by the Regulatory Minister.

Therefore the Government guarantees that Power and Water will not increase domestic electricity prices.