

Question No: 17

Question: Underground Power, Desert Springs Estate

Date: 30/04/91

Member: Mr COLLINS

To: MINISTER for LANDS and HOUSING

1. Does the contractual agreement between the Northern Territory government and the developer of the above mentioned estate provide that the high voltage power lines from the power house through the golf course to the casino be put underground at the developer's expense.
2. If so, why has this agreed obligation not been met.
3. Will the minister advise residents of the problems which have prevented undergrounding the power lines.

ANSWER

1. The Development Deed for the Desert Springs Country Club Estate does not contain any requirement for the developer to underground the high voltage power lines running through the estate.
2. Not applicable.
3. The Power and Water Authority has advised that it has no immediate need or plans to replace the overhead power lines with underground reticulation.