LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WRITTEN QUESTION

Electricity network

Mr Mills to Minister for Essential Services

- 1. What are the terms of reference given to Mr Mervyn Davies to investigate the problems with the NT electricity network.
- 2. How many generators are being brought into Darwin to provide emergency/back up power? Break down by size and type.
- 3. What is the total cost of transporting the generators to the territory.
- 4. Are the generators leased or has the government purchased the generators. How many and what generators have been purchased. How many and what generators have been leased.
- 5. If purchased how much has the government paid. Please itemise by type.
- 6. What are the lease arrangements for the borrowed generators. Where have they come from. How long will they be leased for. What is the cost per week to have the generators on loan.
- 7. Are there arrangements to ensure the security of the generators once in place. Please outline those arrangements.
- 8. Are there arrangements in place to guarantee the supply of diesel to the generators for the duration the generators are required. What are those arrangements.
- 9. What is the fuel consumption of each generator by type/size.
- 10. What is the cost per litre for diesel to run the generators.
- 11. What is the expected running time per day of each generator.
- 12. What are the running, servicing and refuelling arrangements for the generators.
- 13. What are the environmental protection measures in place for the sites that the generators will be located.
- 14. What is the expected carbon footprint of the generators. Are there any carbon offset plans in place. If so, what are they.

- 15. Are there any other major sub-stations in the Territory that are likely to experience similar failures to those experienced at Casuarina.
- 16. What measures are in place if the problems experienced in Casuarina are experienced at other major sub-stations in the Darwin region.
- 17. Are there any arrangements in place for generators elsewhere in the Darwin/Katherine grid to supply power back into the grid.
- 18. How much have measures to supplement Casuarina sub-station cost the NT Government to date (9 Oct).
- 19. What is the estimate of total costs before the Casuarina sub-station is back on line.
- 20. How is the bill for the lease, running and transportation of the generators being paid.
- 21. Will PAWA customers be expected to foot the bill. If so, what percentage of the bill will be added to electricity accounts.
- 22. What are the expected law and order ramifications if there are further long term blackouts. What measures are in place to mitigate any problems.
- 23. What are the expected public health ramifications if there are further long term blackouts. What measures are in place to mitigate any problems.
- 24. Are there any compensation measures in place for residents and businesses affected by long term blackouts.