LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to Minister for Essential Services:

Ron Goodin Power Station

1. How many jobs are going to be lost as a result of the closure of Ron Goodin Power Station?

No jobs will be lost as a result of the closure of Ron Goodin Power Station (RGPS).

2. What are the transition plans for workers who will lose their jobs?

During the transition phase over the remainder of 2017, RGPS will be resourced to ensure the plant operates safely and effectively to meet operational requirements.

The current resourcing strategy for the Owen Springs Power Station (OSPS) will see permanent staff numbers for Operations and Maintenance initially set at 14 in August 2017 (at the time the Remote Operations Centre goes live) with an increase to 17 toward the end of 2017 once RGPS enters standby mode. All OSPS positions have been filled internally by existing RGPS Operations and Maintenance staff.

When the power station enters Standby mode in January 2018 a 'Decommissioning Team' will be formed as outlined to staff during the recent consultation process

Consideration for decommissioning will include a two year plan requiring the involvement of current employees.

TGen is confident that overall excess staffing will be reduced through natural attrition and redeployment. Natural attrition runs at approximately 12% per annum across the business.
