

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION NO. 117

REPLY TO MR ELFERINK FROM MINISTER FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES

As of 1 April 2010, legislation mandated that all customers in the regulated electricity market would be “contestable”:

Question 1.

How many customers in total are there in each of Tranche 1 to 6?

Answer:

Number of electricity customers by tranche as at 30 June 2009:

Tranche	Count
T1	32
T2	21
T3	22
T4	103
T5	591
T6	72,202
Total	72,971

Question 2.

What is the estimated electricity consumption in the full year 2010 for each tranche of customers?

Answer;

Forecast electricity consumption for 2009-10:

Tranche	Forecast (kWh)
T1	427,728,529
T2	44,941,683
T3	64,760,399
T4	145,053,688
T5	9,185,203
T6	1,122,148,891
Total	1,813,818,391

Question 3.

What proportion of generating capacity (expressed as a percentage of available capacity) is used by Power Water Corporation to service each tranche of customers?

Answer:

Approximate Generation Capacity utilised by each tranche. This capacity fluctuates on a daily basis according to customer loads. The approximation is based on kWh consumed by tranche (%).

Tranche	Capacity (%)	Capacity (MW)
T1	25%	128
T2	3%	14
T3	2%	13
T4	7%	35
T5	9%	44
T6	54%	273
Total	1.00	507

Question 4.

Prior to that date, had any representation been made by Power Water Corporation to delay the implementation of contestability?

Answer:

The Utilities Commission released an Issues Paper in August 2009 surrounding the implementation of Full Retail Contestability on 1 April 2010. Power and Water responded to the Commission along with a number of other key stakeholders. Power and Water supports the Northern Territory Government's policies and will assist, where appropriate, the Commission and Treasury during the implementation process.

Question 5.

What is the estimated expenditure by Government on supporting electricity prices in 2009/10 and 2010/11 for residential customers?

Answer:

An estimate of the amount apportioned to residential electricity customers is \$23.4M in 2009-10 and \$24.0M in 2010-11.