



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 7

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Essential Services, Hon Steven Edgington MLA:

Electricity consumption

- 1. The majority of people living in remote Aboriginal communities use a prepayment system for electricity. What is the standard prepayment tariff for power consumption?**

The current domestic pre-paid tariff in the 2024/2025 pricing order approved by the Treasurer is 32.1120 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh).

There are no fixed daily charges for pre-paid meter customers.

- 2. What is the standard post payment tariff for electricity consumption?**

The current tariff in the 2024/2025 pricing order approved by the Treasurer is 29.2081 cents per kWh for the standard tariff. The time of use tariff is 34.4532 cents per kWh for the peak usage period between 6am and 6pm weekdays, including public holidays.

The time of use tariff is 26.2704 cents per kWh for off-peak usage time between 6pm and 6am weekdays and all weekends.

In addition, there is a fixed daily charge for domestic post-paid customers of 0.5758 cents per day.

- 3. The NT Concession Scheme doesn't include many low-income groups such as people on Job Seeker and Youth Allowance. There are many people struggling to live on these types of incomes in remote communities, are there any electricity concessions offered to these people?**

Other than the Northern Territory Government' pension concession, the only rebate is the National Energy Relief Rebate which is applied to all credit and prepayment residential meters / accounts at \$75.00 per quarter.

4. In the Electorate of Mulka, what percentage of households receive a concession for electricity through the NT Concession Scheme?

Power and Water is unable to answer this question. The Department of Children and Families is responsible for the management of the pension concession. Power and Water only applies the concession when directed to do so by the Department of Children and Families.

5. Can prepayment households access Centrepay as a payment option for electricity?

Not in the current system.

6. Are there currently any reduced electricity tariffs at quiet times of the day for prepayment households in the NT?

No, there is currently only a single pre-paid meter tariff.