

**Question No: 76**

**Question: Powerlines**

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**Member: Mr BAILEY**

**To: MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS**

1. Are there any completed powerlines in the Northern Territory that are currently not transmitting any power.
2. Are there any powerlines that have been partly completed, but on which construction work has been suspended.

**ANSWER**

1. PAWA has only 1 completed powerline which is not energised, that is - Fountain Head to Cosmo Howley Substation, 66 kV approximately 13 km, single circuit, built in 1989.

The line is serviceable but is not energised. Negotiations are still proceeding with Moonie Oil NL which owns and operates the Cosmo Howley Power Station to interconnect its power station with the transmission line.

The Power and Water Authority built the line in the expectations of reaching an agreement on interconnection in October 1989. This has not happened; however Moonie Oil is now interested in negotiating for its interconnection.

There is also 1 obsolete powerline which is energised but only transmits power in emergencies, that is Casuarina to Point 'Z' 66 kV 35 km, single circuit, built in 1964.

Point 'Z' is between Palmerston and Howard Springs on the route of the old railway line. The line is obsolete and has only been temporarily repaired since Cyclone Tracy. The line is still available for service and is kept energised but does not transmit any power except in emergencies.

**Other Lines**

There may be other privately-owned powerlines which are not in use, such as the Warrego to Peko, 33 kV, single circuit built in the early 1960s. The line is owned by Poseidon Gold and it was built to supply power from the old Peko Power Station (now shut down) to Warrego.

Several organisations apart from the authority own and operate powerlines in the Northern Territory, mainly in the mining sector.

2. No.