

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 620

Mr James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Finance

1. How does the ACT Government forecast the demand on the ACT energy network.
2. How often does the ACT Government re-evaluate and update energy network demand forecasts, and when was the last time this occurred.
3. How do energy demand forecasts inform infrastructure investments made in the ACT energy network.

RACHEL STEPHEN-SMITH MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Evoenergy, which operates independently of government, owns, operates, and maintains the electricity distribution network in the ACT. I have sought advice from Evoenergy to inform this response.

1. Evoenergy forecasts demand on the ACT electricity network using a combination of historical consumption data, customer growth projections, and scenario modelling. The forecasting approach incorporates inputs such as population growth, electrification trends, uptake of electric vehicles and rooftop solar, and changes in customer behaviour. Evoenergy also considers ACT Government policy settings, including emissions reduction targets and the transition away from gas.
2. Evoenergy re-evaluates and updates its demand forecasts annually, most recently in mid-2024.
3. These demand forecasts directly inform Evoenergy's infrastructure investment decisions in the ACT electricity network. They are used to identify future capacity constraints, guide asset replacement planning, and assess the need for network upgrades or non-network solutions. Evoenergy's investment proposals are reviewed and approved by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to ensure they are prudent, efficient, and aligned with forecast demand.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA
Minister for Finance

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