

Response to question on notice

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Question No. 622

Mr James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Finance

1. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the energy network in the ACT.
2. How is the maintenance of the energy network financed.
3. How many components of the energy network are within 3 years of the end of their life and what are these components.
4. How does the ACT Government plan to replace or renew the components referred to in part (3).
5. Does the ACT Government have a comprehensive energy network infrastructure plan which encompasses Evoenergy, other private and ACT Government owned assets.

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

I have sought advice from Evoenergy to inform this response. Although the ACT Government has a shareholder interest, Evoenergy operates independently.

1. Evoenergy owns, operates and maintains the electricity distribution network and sub-transmission network in the ACT. Transgrid owns and operates the high-voltage transmission network and there are also privately-owned embedded networks.
2. Maintenance of Evoenergy's electricity distribution networks is funded through regulated prices overseen by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER).
3. Evoenergy advises that it identifies electricity assets approaching the end of their service life through regular condition inspections. There are approximately 1,800 assets identified for retirement in the next three years, representing two per cent of total assets. These include a range of ground assets, such as switchgear and underground service cables, and overhead assets, such as poles and overhead lines.
4. The ACT Government is not responsible for replacing or renewing these electricity assets. Evoenergy advises its asset retirement plans are predominantly like-for-like replacement with modern equivalent solutions. Although most asset retirements require replacement, the option to decommission the asset is also assessed.

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5. Evoenergy's infrastructure planning is reflected in its investment proposals, which are reviewed and approved by the AER, and include a capital expenditure allowance for upgrading and replacing network assets as required.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA

Minister for Finance

Date:

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