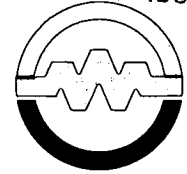


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TELEPHONE 2358888 FAX: 7313011 TELEX: PUB RS 34793 TELEBOX: GVT 730**POWER FAILURE ON 29 SEP 92**

At about 9.30 am, there was a short-circuit in the switchgear at the 230kV switchhouse at Senoko Power Station. The short-circuit was caused by insulation failure. This led to a fire. The fire damaged the switchboard which affected the supply from the generators to the network resulting in a major power failure in the northern, eastern and western parts of the island. About one-third of the load at the time of the incident was lost.

The fire has been put out but it has caused severe damage. Power can only be restored progressively in the next few days. By tonight, we expect to restore 30 per cent of the load lost and another 40 per cent by tomorrow morning. The remaining 30 per cent will be restored in about two days' time. In the meantime, the PUB expects to carry out load shedding in some areas.

The PUB would like to urge the public to conserve energy and minimise the usage of electricity eg use of air-conditioners wherever possible.

The Board regrets the inconvenience caused to the public.

29 Sep 92