

WOODSIDE BROWSE LNG HUB, JAMES PRICE POINT — SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

267. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to security arrangements relating to the proposed Woodside Browse LNG hub at James Price Point.

- (1) Has any member of the WA public service been released on leave without pay or a similar arrangement to engage in employment with Woodside or a contractor thereof at any time from 2009 to the present?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (i) on what date did this occur;
 - (ii) is this arrangement ongoing;
 - (iii) what agency is the person employed with;
 - (iv) what were the duties of this person in the WA public service prior to their current circumstances;
 - (v) who approved the placing of this person on leave-without-pay status; and
 - (vi) was leave-without-pay status for this person approved with the knowledge that this person would be employed by Woodside in a security role?
- (3) Does the Premier support the practice of WA public service employees taking leave without pay in order to gain employment with a company that enjoys considerable support from the Western Australian government for its proposed Browse LNG hub?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(3) It is not uncommon for public service officers to be granted leave without pay to seek employment in the private sector, and such leave arrangements are contained in industrial awards and agreements to facilitate them.

The information in respect to the other part of the question is not readily available and as such I ask the member to put the question on notice.