Tuesday, 17 May 2011

3846. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development.

In reference to the agreement between the State Government, Woodside Energy Ltd and the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) native title claim group, and the Premier's statement of Friday 6 May 2011, I ask -

(1) Can the Minister identify how the benefits valued at more than $1.5 billion over the life of the Woodside project will be distributed, by dollar value to, -

(a) the establishment of businesses and investment;

(b) joint ventures;

(c) the building of homes for GJJ and other Indigenous people;

(d) education initiatives;

(e) release of land for housing and businesses;

(f) initiatives to address the social impacts of the precinct;

(g) direct employment through the construction and operation of the precinct;

(h) indirect employment through businesses maintaining and servicing the precinct;

(i) State Government (Port Authority and LandCorp) and proponent training programs;

(j) State Government (Port Authority and LandCorp) and proponent employment obligations and targets;

(k) contract and tendering opportunities for GJJ businesses;

(l) enable traditional owners of the Kimberley to support, promote and protect Aboriginal culture and heritage;

(m) reform of Indigenous land tenure on the Dampier Peninsula to allow for home ownership and create economic development opportunities; and

(n) creation and joint management of conservation areas with the State Government?

(2) If no to (1), why not?

(3) If yes to (1), -

(a) when will these funds be available; and

(b) in which financial years?

(4) When will the first funds be available to the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) native title claim group, and for which projects?

(5) What component/s and dollar value of the more than $1.5 billion are coming from either the State Government or Woodside JV partners?

(6) Will the Premier and Minister for State Development table any agreement made in respect of the above matters between the state and either Woodside, the Kimberley Land Council or the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) native title claim group?

(7) The Premier and Minister for State Development have stated that Woodside Energy Ltd is a foundation proponent at the precinct, does this agreement between the State Government, Woodside Energy Ltd and the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) native title claim group cover subsequent or other users of the precinct?

(8) If yes to (7), will subsequent or other users be required to contribute to this announced package?

(9) If yes to (8), how is the amount to be determined?

(10) If no to (7), will separate negotiations be available to the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) native title claim group for subsequent or other users?

(11) The Premier and Minister for State Development have stated that the site is for onshore processing of LNG and the separation of liquids in the Kimberley, does onshore processing of LNG and separation of liquids in the Kimberley include other developments such as Gas to Liquid processing, Production of Urea and other Fertilisers, the Manufacture of Explosive, or Ammonia plants?

(12) If no to (11), why not?

(13) If yes to (11), will separate negotiations be available to the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr (GJJ) native title claim group for subsequent or other processing plants?

(14) If no to (13), why not?

Answer

Department of State Development advises:

(1–14) The Traditional Owners of the land at James Price Point have agreed to relinquish their native title interests in the land and water required for the Browse LNG Precinct in return for substantial benefits for indigenous people and continuing engagement in environmental and cultural heritage management at the precinct.

Representatives for the State, the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr native title claimants and Woodside Energy Limited are finalising the agreement documents, and details of the State's benefits package will be available when the Agreements are signed and executed.