

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

20 JUN 2012

Tuesday, 15 May 2012

5560. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for State Development.

With respect to a report on ABC Televisions' 7.30 WA program on Friday, 4 May 2012 regarding the proposed location of the Browse LNG Joint Venture development in which the Premier twice stated 'One third of the (Browse) gas belongs to Western Australia', I ask --

- (1) How did the Premier form the view that Western Australia owns one third of the Browse LNG Joint Venture gas?
- (2) What percentage of gas, measured in trillion cubic feet, falls within the part or parts of the Torosa, Brecknock and Calliance gas fields, which are within Western Australia's jurisdiction and what percentage falls within the Commonwealth jurisdiction?
- (3) What is the estimated amount of royalty income that Western Australia will receive from development of these gas fields, on an annual basis and in total, given that Western Australia owns a third of the gas reserves?
- (4) Will the estimated amount of royalty income to be received by the Western Australian Government vary depending on where in the State this gas is processed?
- (5) If yes to (4), in what way will the royalty revenue vary by location?

Department of State Development advises

(1-3) One of the three fields in question, Torosa, crosses into Western Australian waters. The division of those gas resources, and the resulting royalty income, is dependent upon an unitisation agreement with the Commonwealth Government which is yet to be determined.

(4) No.

(5) Not Applicable.

