LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Monday, 27th August 2012

Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to Question on Notice 5128 dated 6 March 2012 regarding the development of the Browse Basin Gas Hub at James Price Point and the Premier's comments reported in the *Australian Financial Review* on 22 December 2011 suggesting it is not feasible to pipe Browse gas to Karratha because 'higher costs would arise to develop new discoveries in the region' and that 'at some stage there is going to have to be a development on the Kimberley coastline', and I ask:

- 1. Which gas, aside from Browse Basin gas, does the Premier foresee as being processed at the proposed James Price Point site?
- 2. Will the Premier rule out the possibility that gas from the Canning Basin will be processed at James Price Point?
- 3. If no to 2, why not?
- 4. Will the Premier rule out the possibility that gas from the Canning Basin will be processed at James Price Point, regardless of where the Browse Basin gas is processed?
- 5. If no to 4, why not?

I thank the Hon. Member for the Question.

(1-5) There is no restriction on the source of feedstock that may be used within the Browse LNG Precinct. This is a matter for project proponents based upon the environmental and other approvals processes undertaken with respect to the gas production facility, and their assessment of project economics.

