

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

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**Tuesday, 23 October 2012**

6338. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development.

I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 8278 in the Legislative Assembly, and its outline of the State's 15 per cent domestic gas reservation policy, and I ask --

- (1) Will 15 per cent of the gas output from the Browse Liquefied Natural Gas Precinct be reserved for the domestic market?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), what method will be used to transport the gas south to the domestic market?
- (4) Will 15 per cent of the unconventional gas output from the Canning Basin be reserved for the domestic market?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), what method will be used to transport the gas south to the domestic market?

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**Answer**

**Department of State Development advises:**

- (1) The State's domestic gas policy requires LNG producers to make available domestic gas equivalent to 15% of LNG production from each LNG export project. The policy applies flexibly on a case-by-case basis.
- (2) The Department of State Development is currently in the process of negotiating with Woodside on how the Browse LNG Precinct will meet the State's domestic gas reservation policy.
- (3) Not Applicable.
- (4) The physical transportation of the domestic gas from the Kimberley to Port Hedland will require a pipeline. Investment in transportation infrastructure will be a matter for commercial determination by industry.

The State's domestic gas policy will apply to LNG produced from unconventional reserves in the Canning Basin.

(5) Not Applicable.

(6) The physical transportation of the domestic gas from the Canning Basin reserves to Port Hedland will require a pipeline. Investment in transportation infrastructure will be a matter for commercial determination by industry.

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