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

Tuesday, 25 June 2013

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

I refer to the statement by the Premier and Minister for State Development on Thursday 20th June 2013: that the State intends to proceed with the compulsory acquisition of land for a gas precinct near James Price Point to encourage the development of the offshore Browse Basin and onshore Canning Basin gas fields, and I ask:

(1) Is the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Precinct, to which both the 2011 Browse Precinct Project Agreement and the 2008 Strategic Assessment Agreement with the Commonwealth Government relate, for the processing of gas from the Browse Basin only?

(2) If not to (1), why not?

(3) Did any of the series of notices given for the compulsory acquisition of the land under the *Native Title Act 1993* and the *Land Administration Act 1997* refer to the purpose of the acquisition as being related to the Canning Basin gas fields, or identify it as a relevant purpose?

(4) If yes to (3), in what part of the relevant notice?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

Department of State Development advises:

(1) No

(2) The 2011 Browse Precinct Project Agreement and the 2008 Strategic Assessment Agreement do not preclude the processing of gas from other gas fields at the Liquefied Natural Gas Precinct.

(3) No, the notices refer only to those things necessary to establish an LNG processing precinct and port.

(4) Not applicable