LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL Question on notice

Tuesday, 10 September 2013

278. Hon Robin Chappie to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development.

With regard to comments by the Minister for State Development in Parliament on 20 August 2013 which were: "...other companies tell me they will never use floating liquefied natural gas (LNG) for a variety of reasons..." and "...Inpex, I think, is having further exploration success, so we will see what happens with its next project. Its next project may well find its way to James Price Point." I ask: (a) which companies have told the Minister that they will never use floating LNG; (b) has the Minister had any indication from Inpex or any other company that they have an interest in developing onshore LNG facilities at James Price Point; and (c) if yes to (b), when was the interest indicated?

Answer

Department of State Development

(a-c) The Premier has ongoing discussions covering a range of matters with companies operating in Western Australia, including in the Browse Basin. During these meetings a range of views are expressed. While companies are considering their various development options it remains premature to disclose the nature of these conversations.