

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 10 September 2013

282. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Lands.

With regard to a lease at Beagle Bay that is held by Arrow Pearls, I ask:

- (a) what is the nature of the lease, including its purpose, the area leased, and what is its duration;
- (b) who are the parties to the lease;
- (c) have the Native Title holders and/or claimants to the area been consulted and have they approved the lease or an extension to the lease;
- (d) are there any plans to develop the lease area to establish a supply base and port to service the Browse Basin project;
- (e) if yes to (d), has the area been surveyed for its environmental values and has it received Environmental Protection Authority approval to proceed; and
- (f) what ground-disturbing works have been approved as part of the lease and/or lease extension?

Answer

(a) Arrow Pearls Co Pty Ltd does not hold any land under Crown lease in the vicinity of Beagle Bay.

It is assumed however that the question relates to Crown Lease M199002 issued under section 79 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* over the 18.0368 hectares contained in Lot 224 on Deposited Plan 216717. The permitted use under the lease is '*Land Base in Support of Pearling*'. Its term is 21 years commencing from 1 January 2013. This assumption is made on the basis that Stephen John Arrow is sole Director and sole shareholder of Arrow Pearls Co Pty Ltd.

(b) Lease M199002 is held by Stephen John Arrow (the Lessee). The Lessor is the State of Western Australia acting through the Minister for Lands care of the Department of Lands.

(c) No, Lot 224 excised from then 'Townsite and Landing Place' Reserve 1012 in December 1986 for the express purpose of supporting leasing for '*Land Base in Support of Pearling*'.

(d) No, the Lessee did have a proposal however it was not supported due to the State's intention to establish a LNG Processing Precinct which includes a port in the vicinity of James Price Point to support development of the Browse Basin gas reserves.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) None under Lease M199002.

