

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 14 August 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Environment.

I refer to the Minister's reply on 12 August 2014 to my Question on Notice (QON) 1282 about the cost to West Australian taxpayers of a new assessment by three delegates to the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the establishment of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) precinct to service the Browse Basin gas fields, and I ask:

- (1) How much, in dollar terms, will the new assessment cost?
- (1) What proportion or percentage of the existing Office of the Environmental Protection Authority's budget is projected to be spent on the new assessment?
- (2) What is the timeframe that has been given to the delegates in which to complete their assessments and make their recommendations to the Minister?

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

- (1)-(3) It is a matter for the independent Delegates to determine the form, content and timing of the assessment. The Delegates are currently determining the specific tasks and timeline necessary to complete the Browse LNG Precinct assessment, consistent with environmental impact assessment guidelines and procedures. Within this context, it is not appropriate that the Minister for Environment comment on the timeline of the assessment being conducted by the independent Delegates or the resourcing requirement.

