

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Wednesday, 20 August 2014

1492. Hon Robin Chapple to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development.

I refer to the answer from the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment, to question on notice No. 1282, regarding the proposed Browse Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) processing plant at James Price Point, and I ask:

- (a) have there been any meetings or discussions with any companies or potential proponents about the development of a supply base at James Price Point;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings;
- (c) have any companies or potential proponents been approached by State government officials during the past two years seeking to ascertain their interest in developing a supply base and/or LNG facility at James Price Point;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister please provide details of such meetings; and
- (e) if there has been no interest from companies or potential proponents into developing a supply base and/or an LNG facility at James Price Point, to what end is the Government seeking environmental approvals through the Environmental Protection Authority process?

Answer

Department of State Development advises:

- (a)-(e) The Department of State Development has held discussions with a number of companies to consider the services required to support the growth of the Browse Basin oil and gas industry. However, the details of those discussions remain confidential.

As previously indicated, the purpose of seeking strategic environmental approval is to establish the Browse LNG Precinct as a site suitable for the development of LNG in the future.

