

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Thursday, 24 August 2017

320. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

- (1) Has the Department of State Development or the Minister had any meetings or correspondence with Mitsubishi or their subsidiaries this year?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was this in regard to?
- (3) Have any discussions taken place regarding gas pipelines in the Kimberley with Mitsubishi or their subsidiaries?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the Minister table the details?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Has the Department or the Minister received a map of any proposed pipelines?
- (7) If yes to (6), will the Minister table the map?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?

Answer

- (1) Yes
- (2)-(8) The Department and the Minister for State Development , Jobs and Trade have ongoing discussions and regularly correspond with Mitsubishi and its subsidiaries associated with the administration of the *Natural Gas (Canning Basin) Joint Venture Agreement Act 2013* as well as Mitsubishi's other interests, such as its interests in the *North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement Act 1979*. With respect to the *Natural Gas (Canning Basin) Joint Venture Agreement Act 2013*, the Department and the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade have ongoing discussions and regularly correspond with the Joint Venturers (Diamond Resources (Fitzroy) Pty Ltd, Diamond Resources (Canning) Pty Ltd (both of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Mitsubishi Corporation) and Buru Energy Limited) associated with the administration of the *Natural Gas (Canning Basin) Joint Venture Agreement Act 2013* and related issues. This particular State Agreement was established to facilitate the development of an unconventional domestic gas project (including a gas pipeline) in the Kimberley Region. It would be inappropriate to table any information arising from these discussions and correspondence until detailed proposals have been agreed.

