

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

C851. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

I note the announcement from Perdaman Chemicals states that the company will build up to 150 new houses for their workforce, in the construction of their \$4.6 billion urea manufacturing plant on the Burrup Peninsula, and I ask

1. Has Perdaman Chemicals been in negotiation with the Government over a land release for up to 150 houses, and has the Government agreed to a land release for the houses?
2. Will Perdaman have to pay for the land releases, or will they be funded, or financially-assisted by Government?
3. What is the breakdown of the expenditure of the \$35.5 million for common-use infrastructure, by item, to support this project?
4. Why is the Government funding the relocation of the road, and not the Proponent (Perdaman Chemicals)?

Answer

The Department of Lands advises:

1. Perdaman Chemicals met with LandCorp in May 2019 to express their broad Karratha staff housing intentions, which could be accommodated within currently available local landholdings. Delivery of 150 new lots and houses will take a number of years and will require appropriate lead times to plan/deliver.
2. Perdaman, like all resource sector companies, will need to pay for any land it requires for housing stock.
3. The breakdown of expenditure is as follows, approximately:
 - (a) \$0.11 million for Option Fee Subsidies in relation to Perdaman's plant site.
 - (b) \$1.1 million for detailed design works to relocate Hearson Cove Road.
 - (c) \$5 million to the Pilbara Ports Authority for detailed design works for the extension of the Dampier Cargo Wharf.

(d) \$2 million to WaterCorp for detailed design works for the expansion for the Burrup Seawater Supply Scheme.

(e) \$14.3 million for lease subsidies in relation to Perdaman's plant site (subject to Final Investment Decision).

(f) \$12.9 million for relocation of Hearson Cove Road (estimate, subject to Final Investment Decision).

4. Hearson Cove Road is not currently constructed upon its gazetted alignment, and relocation of this road will de-constrain industrial land to support development of major industry in the Burrup Strategic Industrial Area.

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