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Question Without Notice

Thursday 13th August 2020

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister representing the Premier

I refer the Government policy on CO2e emissions and spending on regional renewable power, and I ask

1. Can the Premier confirm that this Government brokered a deal with proponents to help establish Browse as the largest LNG facility on this hemisphere?
2. Can the Premier confirm that this Government has lifted the moratorium on fracking in the Kimberley?
3. Can the Premier confirm that WA has no target-based emissions protocols for either industry or municipal sectors?
4. Can the Premier, in light of the funding given for domestic solar power, please reiterate his party's stance on anthropogenic climate change and environmental degradation?

Answer

1. This year the Parliament passed a variation to the North West Gas Development (Woodside) Agreement Act 1979 (State Agreement). This variation will extend the life of the agreement by 25 years to 2059 and enabled the facility to toll gas from producers other than the NWS Joint Venture.
2. The Government's position on fracking in the Kimberley has not changed. Hydraulic fracturing can only occur on petroleum authorities in force as of 26 November 2018 and all hydraulic fracturing proposals will be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for assessment.
3. Last year, the Government announced its commitment to work with all sectors of the Western Australian economy to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. The State Climate Policy, to be released later this year, will consider the opportunities to reduce our emissions to achieve the State's aspiration.
4. The Party's stance on climate change is a matter for the Party.

The advice to the Government has not changed. This advice is that scientific evidence demonstrates that climate change is primarily caused by increased emissions of greenhouse gases from global anthropogenic sources.

