

BROWSE LNG PROJECT — ASSESSMENT

80. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the appointment of three delegates to assess the proposed Browse liquefied natural gas precinct.

- (1) How much is this reassessment estimated to cost and who will pay for it?
- (2) Will the reassessment be based on a precinct being established at James Price Point or at some other location?
- (3) In the absence of a commercial proponent for a Browse LNG precinct, who will be the beneficiary of a reassessment?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No cost has been determined at this time. The government will meet the costs required for the delegates to assess the Browse liquefied natural gas precinct in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.
- (2) The strategic proposal being assessed is that referred to the Environmental Protection Authority by the Minister for State Development by letter dated 25 March 2008, unless otherwise changed in accordance with section 43A of the act.
- (3) The Minister for State Development is the proponent for the Browse liquefied natural gas precinct.