

Question On Notice No. 6085 asked in the Legislative Council on 1 April 2008 by Hon Giz Watson

Question Directed to the: Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

Minister responding: Hon E.S. Ripper

Parliament: 37 Session: 1

Question

I refer to the Regional Minerals Program, Developing the West Kimberley's Resources, Main Report August 2005, the Northern Development Taskforce, the Northern Development Taskforce West Kimberley – Environment Working Group, and the Part 10 Strategic Assessment relating to the assessment of the impacts of actions under the Plan for the Browse Basin Common User Liquefied Natural Gas Hub Precinct and associated activities, and I ask –

(1) Will all the elements contained in and that are a corollary to '7. Browse Basin natural gas development potential' as outlined in the 'Regional Minerals Program, Developing the West Kimberley's Resources, Main Report August 2005', be considered by the Northern Development Taskforce and the Northern Development Taskforce West Kimberley – Environment Working Group?

(2) If no to (1), why not?

(3) If yes to (1), what are the associated issues outlined in the 'Regional Minerals Program, Developing the West Kimberley's Resources, Main Report August 2005', that will now be considered?

(4) Have the environmental members of the Northern Development Taskforce West Kimberley – Environment Working Group sought an expansion of the area of assessment and impact of the location of a Gas LNG Gas Processing Hub to other sites located outside the area outlined in '000107.Gillian.GALLAGHER.pdf' located on the Department of Industry and Resources website?

(5) If yes to (3), has such an expansion been agreed to, and which areas are now to be included?

Answered on 6 May 2008

(1) The report itself has not been referred to the Northern Development Taskforce, nor did it form part of the Terms of Reference for the Taskforce; however, elements within Section 7 of the report will be addressed by the Taskforce.

(2) The Taskforce, which was set up last year, supersedes Section 7 of the report.

(3) N/A

(4) Yes

(5) N/A