

BROWSE LNG PROJECT — ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY ASSESSMENT

**713. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to the minister's media release dated 16 July 2012 in which he said he had received legal advice from the State Solicitor's Office on the Environmental Protection Authority's assessment of the Browse LNG precinct at James Price Point.

- (1) How many times and on what dates did the minister seek legal advice on any matter, including disclosures of interest and delegation of powers, in relation to the EPA assessment of the Browse precinct?
- (2) How many times and on what dates did the chair or other member of the EPA or the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority seek legal advice on any matter, including disclosures of interest and delegation of powers, in relation to the EPA assessment of the Browse precinct?
- (3) How many times and on what dates did the minister seek legal advice in relation to delegation 22?
- (4) How many times and on what dates did the chair or other member of the EPA or the OEPA seek legal advice in relation to delegation 22?
- (5) Who provided the legal advice to questions (1) to (4)?
- (6) Will the minister table all advice received and, if not, why not?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Once, on 28 June 2012.
- (2) Providing the information for this part of the question in the time required is not possible and the Minister for Environment requests that the member place this question on notice.
- (3) Once, on 28 June 2012.
- (4) Providing the information for this part of the question in the time required is not possible and the Minister for Environment requests that the member place this question on notice.
- (5) Advice is sought from the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority's legal services section on a case-by-case basis and from the State Solicitor's Office as required.
- (6) No, because the information pertains to legal advice and to do so would waive legal professional privilege.