

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY — MEETINGS

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

I refer to the Environmental Protection Authority.

- (1) Can the minister inform the house which section of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 allows for a meeting of the EPA to be convened with only one authority member in attendance?
- (2) Was notice of the meetings of the authority held on 1 March, 2 March, 14 May and 20 June 2012 given to the Department of Environment and Conservation?
- (3) Were the meetings of the authority held on 1 March, 2 March, 14 May and 20 June 2012 minuted? If not, why not? If so, will the minister table those minutes? If not, why not?
- (4) What additional information was provided by Messrs Whitaker, Lukatelić and Glennon on or before 16 February 2012 that led the EPA chair to change his previous determinations that none of those authority members had a potential or actual conflict of interest preventing them from participating fully in EPA meetings when the Browse gas hub was on the agenda? If no additional information was provided, on what other basis did the chair change his ruling that these three authority members had no potential or actual conflict of interest?
- (5) How and when did the chair inform these members that he had changed his original determination that they had no conflict of interest preventing them from participating fully in EPA meetings when the Browse gas hub was on the agenda?
- (6) Did Messrs Whitaker, Lukatelić and Glennon exclude themselves at the EPA meeting on 26 October 2011 from discussion of and decision on agenda item 5.1 on the Browse LNG precinct?
- (7) Under which provision of the EP act did Messrs Whitaker, Lukatelić and Glennon exclude themselves from the agenda item relating to the Browse gas hub assessment at the EPA meeting on 1 March 2012?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Environment has advised me that this is a very complex and detailed question and could not be answered in the time available. The Minister for Environment undertakes to write to the honourable member on this matter.