

DOMESTIC GAS RESERVATION POLICY — WAITSIA GAS PROJECT

**829. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

I refer to the minister's claims in a media statement of 17 August that his new gas reservation policy will help ensure that the Waitsia gas project stage 2 proceeds to construction and that it will create 200 construction jobs. Given that these numbers are publicly available, I assume that there are no commercial-in-confidence requirements around them.

- (1) Who at Waitsia did the government liaise with during the formulation of the policy?
- (2) Who at Waitsia provided the data that is the basis of these claims?
- (3) When did Waitsia provide the data?
- (4) Can the minister table the data on which these claims are based?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question. This information has been provided by the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade.

- (1) The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation has been engaging with the Waitsia joint venture on approvals to allow the export of some its reserves through the Karratha gas plant.
- (2) The Waitsia joint venture provided information on its project development plans in support of its request for export approval during discussions with the department.
- (3) Refer to the answer to (2).
- (4) The information was provided on a confidential basis.