

“LOCAL CONTENT REPORT, MAY 2012”

402. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to page 6 of the “Local Content Report, May 2012” —

- (1) For \$100 000 in state government funding, what will the Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia and Engineers Australia deliver?
- (2) Will it be in the form of a report; and, if yes, when is the report likely to be completed, and will the minister table this report?
- (3) If no to (2), why not, and will the minister detail the deliverable item that is to be provided to the state government?
- (4) Over what period is this \$100 000 to be provided to APESMA and Engineers Australia?
- (5) Is this a one-off funding initiative; and, if not, what are the other funding initiatives?
- (6) How does the engagement of APESMA and Engineers Australia, as indicated on page 6, differ from the work of the Industry Capability Network Western Australia to facilitate opportunities for WA industry?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question and her interest in the matter.

- (1) The Association of Professional Engineers, Scientists and Managers Australia and Engineers Australia will develop a detailed strategy for increased levels of involvement by Western Australia-based engineering and design companies in offshore energy projects in pre front-end engineering design and FEED stages.
- (2) A report will be submitted to the state government. The report will be completed at the conclusion of the 12-month funding period. A decision on tabling the report will be made at that time.
- (3) See (2).
- (4) The funding will be provided to cover 12 months' activity from finalisation of the funding assistance agreement, which is currently under negotiation.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) The work of the Industry Capability Network Western Australia is focused on a set number of priority projects and identifies possible suppliers of all forms of goods and services during the design and construction phases. The engagement of APESMA and Engineers Australia provides capacity for a detailed examination of one particular aspect of supply potential. A direct link to these associations facilitates access to their substantial membership, not all of whom may be linked to the ICNWA. This task is of a strategic nature and will cover issues such as links between the engineering and design profession and academia, which is not within ICNWA's province.