

LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS HUB

642. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development:

I refer to question without notice 191 asked in the Legislative Council on 4 May 2010. Can the minister explain how he can say that a supply base will be constructed at Point Torment when no due process has taken place?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Leader of the House. The Minister for State Development has responded in these terms —

The government recognises the need for facilities such as a marine supply base to support exploration and production in the Browse Basin. Following discussions with potential liquefied natural gas producers, the government has indicated its support for a marine supply base at Point Torment. Accordingly, the Department of State Development, in conjunction with potential proponents, is facilitating discussions and investigatory studies that relate to native title, heritage and technical issues in the area.