

WATER SUPPLY - BROOME HEAVY INDUSTRIAL AREA

849. Hon KEN BASTON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Water Resources:

I refer to developments in the designated heavy industrial area along the road to Broome port and increased oil and gas exploration associated with the port.

- (1) Have approaches been made to the Water Corporation to upgrade the water supply to these areas; and, if so, by whom?
- (2) What is the Water Corporation's response to these approaches?
- (3) Does the Water Corporation consider that the current mains capacity to these areas meets the needs of development and industry?
- (4) Does the Water Corporation have any plans to upgrade the water supply to these developing areas; and, if not, why not?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Ken Baston for providing some notice of the question.

- (1) To date the Water Corporation has not received a formal application for the upgrade of the water supply. An informal approach regarding expansion of the water supply has been made by the port of Broome, and two other parties have sought advice regarding water for fire services.
- (2)-(3) The Water Corporation has advised that the current infrastructure meets all pressure and flow requirements as stipulated in the Water Corporation's operating licence. Levels of service - pressure and flow - above that stipulated in the Water Corporation's operating licence are provided as required based on the developer's request, and these are funded by the developer.
- (4) The Water Corporation is currently installing a booster pump station to increase pressure in the Port Drive main.