

WEST KIMBERLEY POWER PROJECT - RETICULATED GAS

**308. Hon KEN BASTON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Energy:**

I refer to newsletter 15 of the West Kimberley Power Project, for which the Queensland company Energy Development Ltd was the successful tenderer. Given that a 45-kilogram cylinder of gas now costs \$126 in Broome -

- (1) What commitment is required of EDL to investigate the viability of reticulating gas through Broome and the other four towns serviced by the West Kimberley Power Project?
- (2) Will Horizon Power be requesting that EDL investigate the viability of reticulating gas through the five towns; if so, when; and, if not, why not?

**Hon KIM CHANCE replied:**

Again, I have an answer to that question but I do not have a duplicate copy of it. However, I will be able to supply it. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) EDL is installing liquefied natural gas storage facilities in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek for the purpose of providing natural gas to the power station at each town. EDL has advised that it has committed to investigating the opportunity for the sale of natural gas for domestic and commercial use in these towns and the broader region.
- (2) Yes. Horizon Power is in discussions with EDL regarding the viability of the retail sale of gas to residential and business customers in regional Western Australia.