

PERDAMAN UREA PROJECT

**75. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

In the last state budget, the state government set aside \$250 million of funding for infrastructure upgrades to support the proposed Perdaman urea project on the Burrup Peninsula. This funding has since been backed up with a loan from the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility, with the federal government stating that the urea project will be for domestic use. This is in direct contrast with the state Environmental Protection Authority having assessed this project as being for export.

- (1) Can the minister advise whether the proposed Perdaman urea project will be available for the domestic market rather than for export?
- (2) Can the minister advise what percentage of the urea from the proposed Perdaman project will be for export and available for the domestic market?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) Perdaman has advised the department that in the early stages of production, the urea produced will be sold into both domestic and overseas markets, but that in time it intends its entire output to be used to displace exports. In initial stages Perdaman has advised the department that it expects 50 to 55 per cent of its product will be exported and 45 to 50 per cent of its product will be available to the domestic market.