

KIMBERLEY PORTS AUTHORITY — SUPPLY BASE

928. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Ports:

I refer to the media statement ‘\$1.3 billion to diversify WA and set up our State for the long-term’ published on 12 May 2022, and specifically the \$52 million Kimberley Ports Authority budget allocation announced “...for the construction of a supply base to support oil and gas operations in the Browse Basin, and for base infrastructure for an associated chemical storage facility in Broome”, I ask:

- (a) which Department proposed the allocation to the Expenditure Review Committee;
- (b) has a business case been developed for the proposal and, if so, will the Premier table it:
  - (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) has any independent cost-benefit and social/environmental risk analysis of the project been undertaken:
  - (i) if yes to (c), will the Premier table it; and
  - (ii) if no to (c), why not;
- (d) which company or companies has the Government been in discussion with in relation to this project;
- (e) where exactly is the proposed location of this supply base;
- (f) will the Premier provide a map of the proposed location;
- (g) how many hectares is the area proposed as a supply base;
- (h) where can the public access and view the detailed breakdown of expenditure for this project;
- (i) have any detailed plans been developed for the proposed site and where can they be viewed by the public;
- (j) what is the proposed time frame for any site work commencing;
- (k) has the government been in discussion with Woodside over this proposal and, if so, what has been the outcome to date of those discussions;
- (l) what chemicals would be processed and stored at the proposed site and how much volume of each would be produced and stored; and
- (m) according to the *2022–23 State Budget Paper No. 3* on page 202, “The expenditure is contingent on a contractual commitment by a third party to move a supply base to Broome, with the third party to repay the \$52 million investment over a 20 year period”. Where would a supply base be moved from and which third party would be involved?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) Kimberley Ports Authority.
- (b)–(d) and (m) Kimberley Ports Authority is currently seeking advice on the legality, probity and confidentiality issues around the release of this information.
- (e)–(g) Four hectares of Kimberley Ports Authority land on Port Drive has been identified for the Supply Base.
- (h) Should the project proceed, cost analysis information will become available through the tender process.
- (i) Such plans are in draft and will conclude as part of the tender process.
- (j) If the project proceeds, it is proposed works would commence in approximately mid-2023.
- (k) No.
- (l) This will be finalised following the tender process.