



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR 2011/12 AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT HELD ON  
MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2012**

*HON GIZ WATSON MLC ASKED -*

1. *Referring to page 17 overview – Bunbury to Albany Natural Gas Pipeline Project –*
  - a) *Where is this project at?*
  - b) *Has the final route been determined?*
  - c) *If yes please provide details.*
  - d) *Have all the necessary approvals been granted?*
  - e) *When is the project expected to commence?*

**Answer:**

- a) On 29 October 2012, the State Government announced a preferred corridor and operational model for the Bunbury to Albany natural gas pipeline.
- b) The preferred route has been determined.
- c) The preferred route from Bunbury to Albany has been determined and includes the towns of Donnybrook, Bridgetown, Manjimup and Mount Barker.
- d) No. It will be responsibility of the selected pipeline operator to arrange the necessary approvals.
- e) Expressions of Interest for potential operators of the new pipeline are expected to be called in mid-November 2012.

2. *Referring to page 19 – Summary and the emphasis on iron ore expansion – Where is the Grange Resource proposal at?*

**Answer:**

Grange Resources is currently progressing final State and Commonwealth Government approvals for its Southdown magnetite project near Albany. The Department of State Development understands the Final Investment Decision (FID) is targeted for the first half of 2013.