



# QUESTIONS BOOKLET

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2024**

Questions appear according to the date on which notice was delivered.

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## QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 15 October 2024**

- 2198. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy
- 2199. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Premier
- 2200. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy
- 2201. Hon Dr Brian Walker to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
- 2202. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming
- 2203. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy
- 2204. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing
- 2205. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
- 2206. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Forestry
- 2207. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police
- 2208. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health
- 2209. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education
- 2210. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Homelessness

**Notice Given**                      **Wednesday, 16 October 2024**

- 2211. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 2212. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 2213. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
- 2214. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment
- 2215. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Education

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2216. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Leader of the House representing the Premier  
2217. Hon Louise Kingston to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health

**Notice Given                      Thursday, 17 October 2024**

2218. Hon Sophia Moermond to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment  
2219. Hon Sophia Moermond to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment  
2220. Hon Sophia Moermond to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning  
2221. Hon Sophia Moermond to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Energy  
2222. Hon Louise Kingston to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health  
2223. Hon Louise Kingston to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health  
2224. Hon Steve Martin to the Minister for Commerce  
2225. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

**Notice Given                      Tuesday, 22 October 2024**

2226. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment  
2227. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum  
2228. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Environment  
2229. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport  
2230. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs  
2231. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health  
2232. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning  
2233. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Finance  
2234. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport  
2235. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Police

**Notice Given                      Wednesday, 23 October 2024**

2236. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport  
2237. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport

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2238. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
2239. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for Transport
2240. Hon Wilson Tucker to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

**Notice Given**                      **Thursday, 24 October 2024**

2241. Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Emergency Services
2242. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing

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**Notice Given**                      **Tuesday, 5 November 2024**

**2243. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the commercial agreement to provide 250 terajoules (TJ) per day of gas from Western Australia's (WA) onshore reserves to Woodside for export via the North West Shelf (NWS) project from the first half of 2023, and the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) projection for the NWS facility to provide a total of 90TJ per day to the State's domestic market from Pluto and NWS fields, and I ask:

- (a) is the Waitsia project currently producing gas for supply to the NWS export facility;
- (b) if no to (a), how are the contracting parties, Mitsui and Beach Energy, providing the agreed gas volume to the NWS facility;
- (c) has there been any purchases from the WA domestic gas market to supply the NWS facility for export, including to meet the volume contracted to be supplied by the Waitsia project;
- (d) if yes to (c), what volumes of gas have been, or are currently being, supplied to the NWS facility from the WA domestic market;
- (e) are these trades identified on the WA Gas bulletin board;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) when the contracted 250TJ per day is eventually supplied to the NWS facility by the Waitsia project, will this be identified on the WA Gas bulletin board;
- (h) if no to (g), why not; and
- (i) given the NWS project is contracted to purchase 250TJ per day from the WA onshore reserves, but will only supply 90TJ per day to the domestic market according to AEMO, does the Minister accept that the NWS facility is already a very large net taker from WA's domestic gas reserves, and is in fact the largest single consumer of gas from the WA domestic market?

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**2244. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:**

I refer to the commercial agreement to provide 250 terajoules (TJ) per day of gas from Western Australia's (WA) onshore reserves to Woodside for export via the North West Shelf (NWS) project from the first half of 2023, and the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) projection for the NWS facility to provide a total of 90TJ per day to the State's domestic market from Pluto and NWS fields, and I ask:

- (a) is the Waitsia project currently producing gas for supply to the NWS export facility;
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- (c) has there been any purchases from the WA domestic gas market to supply the NWS facility for export, including to meet the volume contracted to be supplied by the Waitsia project;
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- (e) are these trades identified on the WA Gas bulletin board;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) when the contracted 250TJ per day is eventually supplied to the NWS facility by the Waitsia project, will this be identified on the WA Gas bulletin board;
- (h) if no to (g), why not; and
- (i) given the North West Shelf project is contracted to purchase 250TJ per day from the WA onshore reserves, but will only supply 90TJ per day to the domestic market according to AEMO, does the Minister accept that the North West Shelf facility is already a very large net taker from WA's domestic gas reserves, and is in fact the largest single consumer of gas from the WA domestic market?

**2245. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness:**

I refer to a letter dated 6 November 2015 from Jonathan Cramer, Manager Contaminated Sites, reference number 61/29328, entitled 'Wittenoom Remediation Strategy Addendum to the Phase 1 Report' in relation to 'Advice on Strategies and Costs for Remediation of Certain Asbestos Contaminated Sites in the Wittenoom Area (GHD, October 2013)', and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister table the report;
- (b) if yes to (a), please table the report;
- (c) if no to (a), why not; and
- (d) if no to (a), will the Minister identify the nature of any confidential material in that report that precludes its tabling?

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**2246. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the previous decision by Premier Mark McGowan to allow the Waitsia project to supply gas from Western Australia's (WA) onshore reserves in the Perth Basin to Woodside's North West Shelf (NWS) export facility, and to the more recent decision by Premier Roger Cook to allow up to 20% of production from Perth Basin projects to supply the NWS export facility, and I ask:

- (a) will the Government now legislate the updated policy arrangements for the Perth Basin, including the 20% export allocation and the return to 100% reservation for the domestic market, after 31 December 2030;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) has the Government undertaken any modelling or assessment of the impact of these decisions on WA gas prices;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister table this analysis;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) does the Minister accept the comments made by independent analyst and economist, Liam Wagner, who has warned that opening up of WA's domestic reserves for export would result in the onshore gas price being pegged to the international price;
- (g) if no to (f), what analysis is the Government relying on;
- (h) other than Woodside's NWS facility, which has a significant shortfall of gas from offshore fields, are there any other WA gas export facilities which are seeking to export gas from the State's onshore reserves in the next decade;
- (i) if no to (h), does the Minister concede that the recent moves to allow export of gas from onshore reserves are solely for the benefit of Woodside; and
- (j) given the very large demand for gas that will be created by Woodside's proposed NWS extension, and the fact that this facility is already a net taker of gas from the WA domestic reserves, how can the Minister assure West Australian's that it is putting their interests above the commercial interests of Woodside when making decisions about the NWS extension and the State's domestic gas reserves?

**2247. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Emergency Services representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:**

I refer to the previous decision by Premier Mark McGowan to allow the Waitsia project to supply gas from Western Australia's (WA) onshore reserves in the Perth Basin to Woodside's North West Shelf (NWS) export facility, and to the more recent decision by Premier Roger Cook to allow up to 20% of production from Perth Basin projects to supply the NWS export facility, and I ask:

- (a) will the Government now legislate the updated policy arrangements for the Perth Basin, including the 20% export allocation and the return to 100% reservation for the domestic market, after 31 December 2030;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;

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- (c) has the Government undertaken any modelling or assessment of the impact of these decisions on WA gas prices;
- (d) if yes to (c), will the Minister table this analysis;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) does the Minister accept the comments made by independent analyst and economist, Liam Wagner, who has warned that opening up of WA's domestic reserves for export would result in the onshore gas price being pegged to the international price;
- (g) if no to (f), what analysis is the Government relying on;
- (h) other than Woodside's NWS facility, which has a significant shortfall of gas from offshore fields, are there any other WA gas export facilities which are seeking to export gas from the State's onshore reserves in the next decade;
- (i) if no to (h), does the Minister concede that the recent moves to allow export of gas from onshore reserves are solely for the benefit of Woodside; and
- (j) given the very large demand for gas that will be created by Woodside's proposed NWS extension, and the fact that this facility is already a net taker of gas from the WA domestic reserves, how can the Minister assure West Australian's that it is putting their interests above the commercial interests of Woodside when making decisions about the NWS extension and the State's domestic gas reserves?

**2248. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) How many children have died in the last 4 years were investigated by the WA Ombudsman and had any contacts with the statutory child protection system?
- (2) How many of the children in (1) spent any period of time on a Nominated Liaison Officer list?
- (3) How many of the deaths in (1) were multiple children in the same family?
- (4) How many of the children in (1) were aged:
  - (a) 0-2;
  - (b) 3-5;
  - (c) 6-10;
  - (d) 10-14; and
  - (e) 14-17?

**SAM HASTINGS**

Clerk of the Legislative Council