

ALCOA — WAGERUP COGENERATION PLANT

Hon PAUL LLEWELLYN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for State Development:

I refer to the Alumina Refinery (Wagerup) Agreement and Acts Amendment Act variation agreement tabled in Parliament on 11 March 2008.

- (1) Why is Alcoa being permitted under the terms of this agreement to sell the land described in clause 4(b) of the agreement, being the land comprising a total area of approximately 128 800 square metres?
- (2) To whom is Alcoa intending to sell the land described in (1)?
- (3) Who owns the Wagerup cogeneration plant?
- (4) Who will be responsible for the pollution, diesel particulates, water use, noise and other impacts on the community generated by the cogeneration plant?
- (5) Who will own and operate the cogeneration plant?
- (6) Who is responsible for supplying the south west grid from the cogeneration plant?
- (7) Who will get the profit from supplying the south west grid?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) This is freehold land owned by Alcoa. Alcoa is required to remove from its state agreement the land at its refinery that it has sold to Alinta for construction of its power generating plant. This is on the basis that Alinta should not get an unfair advantage over other independent power producers in Western Australia by virtue of the rights and privileges conferred by Alcoa's state agreement.
- (2) Alcoa is selling the land to Alinta Cogeneration (Wagerup) Pty Ltd—Alinta.
- (3) Alinta.
- (4) Alinta is the proponent of the Wagerup cogeneration project and is liable to comply with the implementation conditions under part IV of the Environmental Protection Act. Alinta is also the named party on the works approval for the cogeneration plant and is liable to ensure that the plant is designed and constructed so as to meet the conditions of the works approval and, during construction of the plant, comply with the general requirements of part V of the Environmental Protection Act. Alcoa, as the operator and licensee under part V of the Environmental Protection Act, is responsible for operating the Wagerup cogeneration plant in a manner that meets the conditions in the operating licence and, more generally, the requirements of part V of the act.
- (5) Alinta owns the facility; Alcoa operates the facility.
- (6) Alinta is responsible for ensuring supply of electricity from the facilities into the south west grid.
- (7) The commercial arrangements between Alcoa and Alinta are confidential.