

BUNBURY TO ALBANY GAS PIPELINE

20. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Energy:

- (1) What is the anticipated cost of the Bunbury to Albany pipeline, and how was the figure arrived at?
- (2) To what extent will the state government be required to subsidise the pipeline's operation before the project becomes financially viable, if that viability is ever achieved?
- (3) Given the high priority placed on the pipeline by the government, when can south west residents and businesses expect the project to be completed?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) The pipeline will cost approximately \$250 million.
- (2) I cannot say at this stage how much the public purse will need to subsidise the pipeline. We are doing some preliminary costings.
- (3) The details relating to the commencement date of the building of the pipeline and when it will conclude will be forthcoming within the next few months.