

LNG JOBS TASK FORCE

783. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Given that the Premier's media statement of more than seven months ago said that further details about the task force and its membership would be announced in coming months, can he tell the house why this has not happened and why he was quoted in an article in *The Weekend West* on Saturday saying that the task force had not yet met?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I do not know why there has not been a media release. Obviously, I have had a range of meetings with the companies and some of the players to ensure that the task force is structured correctly. We have to remember that this is not just window-dressing or something that has been put together for the purposes of a press release; this is meant to be a substantial body with working parties and support from the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation and all those sorts of organisations that will underpin the exercise. In terms of pulling it together, we have to remember that the chief executive officers of Woodside, Chevron, Santos and Shell are all members of the task force, and pulling them together is not an easy thing to do. I expect that the task force will meet maybe two or three times a year. The work that the task force will delegate to other components of the LNG task force will be ongoing, even though the task force might meet only a few times a year.