

BUNBURY TO ALBANY NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

203. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for State Development:

I refer to the Liberal Party's election commitment to construct a natural gas pipeline from Bunbury to Albany.

- (1) Does the minister have any preliminary costs of this project?
- (2) Have any commercial customers in Albany expressed an interest in taking the gas?
- (3) Is the minister giving consideration to expanding the reticulated gas network in Albany as a result of the natural gas pipeline?
- (4) If yes to (3), how?

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question, which is slightly different to one asked yesterday on much the same issue.

- (1)-(4) Planning for the Bunbury to Albany natural gas pipeline, including determination of costs, is expected to commence over coming months. The initial focus will be on establishing the corridor in consultation with private land holders and other affected parties, and acquiring land and requisite approvals.