

BROOME REGIONAL PRISON SITE — 12 MILE COMMUNITY

**413. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to a decision of the state government to locate the new Broome prison near the 12 Mile community in the West Kimberley.

- (1) Did the minister provide a briefing to the Broome shire council of the site options prior to making its decision; and, if yes —
  - (a) on what date was that briefing held;
  - (b) who was in attendance; and
  - (c) how many possible locations were presented in the briefing?
- (2) Did the minister or his department seek land-use planning advice and not just land tenure advice from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage?
- (3) If no to (1) or (2) —
  - (a) does the minister concede that the best planning land-use outcomes will be achieved when he refers the matter to local government and land-use planning experts; and
  - (b) will the minister now revoke any decision on the site and refer the matter to the Shire of Broome and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for proper land-use planning consideration?
- (3) If yes to (1) or (2), will the minister make all correspondence concerning land-use planning for the site publicly available?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

Member, I apologise. That question has been signed off, but, for some reason, it is not within the file. Hopefully, the staff are listening now and they can bring in a copy for me and I will read that answer when I get it.