

WEST KIMBERLY POWER SUPPLIES, ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

775. Hon Tom Stephens to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Will any additional road infrastructure or modifications to existing road infrastructure be required for supply of LNG generated power to the West Kimberley?
- (2) If yes -
 - (a) what additional road infrastructure or modifications will be required;
 - (b) at what cost; and
 - (c) who will be liable for these costs?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1)-(2) The requirement for additional road infrastructure or modifications to existing roads is expected to be minimal on Main Roads and Highways. I understand that the number of potential gas tanker trips to the three towns would be comparable to the number of trips currently undertaken by diesel fuel tankers in servicing the existing power stations. Details of the operational requirements of the proposed new power stations would need to be considered before an accurate assessment of impacts could be made. However, preliminary planning has been carried out for the Broome Power Station, in conjunction with the Energy Equity/Woodside Energy consortium, and it has been assessed that there will be negligible impact on existing road infrastructure. There would be a requirement for additional driveway access to the Broome Highway but this would be at a cost to the consortium.