

RESOURCES INDUSTRY — SCARBOROUGH LNG PROJECT — FEDERAL COURT DECISION

740. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Given the Premier's role in state development, is he or his department providing any assistance to the federal minister in helping to develop a proper solution for this matter?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I take the question in the spirit I am sure that it was intended, and that is: are we assisting the federal government? Obviously, when the federal government makes its decision or consults in relation to that, we would be keen to participate in that process. Western Australia is the engine room for the country. For that reason, what happens in WA or, in this context, offshore, is an important aspect of making sure that the nation's economy stays strong, which is the reason we made these representations to the federal government. Minister King is one of the most skilled and adept ministers in the federal government and we are lucky to have her on our team in Western Australia. For that reason, I will always make the resources of the government available to the federal government in terms of these things, but I reckon she has this one.