

Question on Notice

No. 546

Asked on Wednesday, 24 March 2010

MR GIBSON asked the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (MR HINCHLIFFE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the ongoing negotiations with land owners for gas pipeline access and with particular reference to the government managed 44km long Callide Infrastructure Corridor SDA—

What issues will be considered for compensation to land holders (reported separately) and, in particular, will there be any compensation for the time and labour incurred by landholders during this process?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Gympie for his question.

I am advised that the issues considered when assessing compensation payable to landholders affected by the taking of easements for the Callide Infrastructure Corridor will be in accordance with *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*, the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* and precedents set in associated case law.

In assessing compensation, the Department of Infrastructure and Planning has engaged an independent valuer to assess the impact of the easement on the property.

I am further advised compensation for the time and labour incurred by landholders, to date, that the Land Court has stated there may be situations where loss of an owner's time is compensable where economic loss is proven.

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning will negotiate compensation with landholders on a case by case basis. If negotiation is unsuccessful, compensation is ultimately an issue for the Land Court to decide.