

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 87

asked on Wednesday, 24 February 2021

MR M BERKMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's announcement of \$5m for a pre-feasibility study for a gas pipeline from the North Bowen Basin to Gladstone—

Will the Minister advise (a) has the Queensland Government firmly allocated the \$5m subsidy to a gas pipeline prefeasibility study and from which funding stream has it been granted, (b) will the government conduct this study in-house or will it be outsourced, (c) if the latter, will the government commit to an open tender and to publish the study and (d) has the department assessed the risk that public funds spent on subsidies for gas pipelines will be wasted when those pipelines become stranded assets?

ANSWER:

- (a) The \$5 million prefeasibility study is not a subsidy.
- (b) The work will be coordinated in-house; however, it will require external expert advisory services and technical expertise.
- (c) Queensland Government procurement processes will be utilised in a competitive process which ensures value for money including appropriate skills and experience, and efficiency. Key findings from the study will be made public.
- (d) The prefeasibility study is not a subsidy.