

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Tuesday, 15 August 2017

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Yara Pilbara's Technical Ammonium Nitrate (TAN) facility on the Burrup Peninsula, and ask:

1. Is the plant currently transporting TAN by way of road train out of the Burrup facility?
2. If yes, how many road trains per week?
3. What licensing is required to ship TAN from the plant and are these processes in place?
4. Is the production and shipment of TAN part of the commissioning process?
5. When is it expected the plant will have a license to operate?

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation:

(1)–(3) The transport of Technical Ammonium Nitrate (TAN) is regulated under the Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004 and Dangerous Goods Safety (Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate) Regulations 2007 which is administered by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety. It is recommended that these questions are referred to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

(4) Production and loading of TAN at the premises is included in the commissioning plan prepared by Yara Pilbara for the purposes of the works approval. Shipment of TAN is not.

(5) The Western Australian government will determine whether to grant a licence to operate the TAN plant following receipt and assessment of a commissioning report required under the works approval. The works approval expires on 31 December 2017.

