

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 27 June 2017

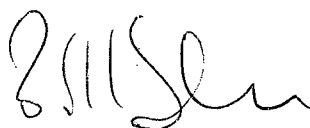
83. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to a high speed microwave link or some other high speed data transmission technology used that provided Western Tenement Services (previously managed by a senior former Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) employee) with a direct link to the DMP mainframe computer, including tengraph:

- (a) can the Minister explain why Western Tenement Services (WTS) had a high speed microwave link or some other high speed data transmission technology link to the DMP mainframe computer which was not available to any other member of the public;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) does the Minister support the DMP providing special dispensation to former senior departmental officers, working or operating in any mining tenement services companies (not necessarily WTS), where the DMP affords these people services, which are clearly not available to other members of the public; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?

Answer

- (a) No
- (b) No external organisations, including Western Tenement Services, have direct access to internal Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) systems.
- (c) No
- (d) Public access to DMIRS systems are provided on a consistent and equitable basis with no special dispensation to anyone. If the Member is aware of evidence of wrong doing they are encouraged to address this with the Public Sector Commission or the Minister.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM