

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 15 August 2017

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

I refer to a email from Marnie Leybourne, Acting General Manager Resources from the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), dated Monday 22 May 2017, with a subject title, *Re- DMP Meeting in Kal 11-5-2017* and addressed "To Lindsay", and ask:

- (a) can the Minister explain what are the specific deficiencies/anomalies with project status/combined reporting concerning expenditure requirements on all mining tenements;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) can the Minister explain why the problems/anomalies with project status/combined reporting have previously not been rigorously applied by Ivor Roberts from the Department of Mines and Petroleum; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?

Answer

- (a) The email being referenced in the question is a response from the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) to a prospector who was an attendee of a recent workshop held by the department in Kalgoorlie. This workshop is one of the many examples of DMIRS proactively engaging with stakeholders in order to understand and collect their views on regulatory matters.

As set out in the email, questions raised by Prospectors on group expenditure reporting had previously been discussed in detail at a separate meeting between Prospectors and Dr Ivor Roberts, Executive Director Mineral Titles in Kalgoorlie the week before.

I am advised that DMIRS is not aware of any specific deficiencies or anomalies with project status/combined reporting concerning expenditure requirements on mining tenements.

- (b) Not applicable
- (c) As set out above, I am advised that DMIRS is not aware of any specific problems/anomalies with project status/combined reporting concerning expenditure requirements on mining tenements. DMIRS is continually reforming and strengthening its administrative and compliance processes under the *Mining Act 1978*. This continuous reform is to improve effectiveness and streamline the administrative processes.
- (d) See (c).



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM