

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

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Tuesday, 22 March 2011

3748. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the Minister's comments in the article 'WA spending big', published on page 36 of The Advertiser on 22 March 2011, and ask -

(1) Will the Minister table the location of each of the 30 separate uranium deposits he identified in the article and their size in estimated tonnes of uranium oxide?

(2) If no to (1), why not?

(3) Will the Minister table the figures for uranium exploration spending in Western Australia for the year 2010-2011, provided to each company by the State Government under the Exploration Incentive Scheme (EIS)?

(4) If no to (3), why not?

(5) Of the \$84 million spent on uranium exploration in Western Australia for the calendar year 2010, what was the contribution of the State Government to this figure that was not part of the EIS, and who were the recipients?

(6) What is the anticipated cost to the State Government of developing regulations covering the transport of uranium?

Answer

- (1) Yes — see tabled paper no [.....]
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Yes — see tabled paper no [.....] that lists sums offered in 2010/11 to individual exploration companies searching for uranium (as a single commodity or combined with other commodities) under the Co-funded Drilling Program of the Exploration Incentive Scheme (EIS).
- (4) Not applicable
- (5) In the 2010 calendar year, no Government funding outside of the EIS was provided to individual companies searching for uranium.
- (6) The transport of uranium is covered by the existing Radiation Safety (Transport of Radioactive Substances) Regulations 2002 which is the responsibility of the Minister for Health.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM

3 tabled paper.

Table 1 LC3748 (1)

Project name	Project Owner	Ore (Mt)	Ave grade (ppm)	Contained U3O8 (kilotones)	Contained U3O8 (Million pounds)	Latitude	Longitude
Yeelmitie	BHP Billiton	35,000	1,500	52,500	115.8	-27.175948	119.901544
Kinbrae	Cameco, Mitsubishi	23,333	1,500	34,999	77.2	-22.33815	122.073303
Mulga Rock	Energy and Minerals Australia	55,400	490	27,165	59.9	-29.9845	123.818956
Lake Maitland	Mega Uranium, Itochu Corp., Japan Australia Uranium Resources Development Co.	31,200	366	11,419	25.2	-27.177204	121.081135
Lake Way - Centipede	Toro Energy	20,200	550	11,072	24.4	-26.70701	120.338493
Manyingee	Paladin Energy	13,400	795	10,650	23.5	-22.41118	115.184601
Oobagooma	Paladin Energy	8,300	1,200	9,960	22.0	-16.75692	123.996101
Thatcher Soak	Uranex (J00396), Eleckra Mines (J03501)	33,100	235	7,731	17.0	-28.020093	123.580994
Ponton	Manhattan Corp.	26,000	300	7,800	17.2	-30.266807	123.254503
Hillview	Encounter Resources, Avoca Resources	27,600	175	4,802	10.6	-26.893698	118.84759
Dawson - Hinkler Well	Toro Energy	20,600	228	4,690	10.3	-26.92075	120.082397
Nowthanna - Lake Quirns	Impact Minerals	10,368	450	4,666	10.3	-27.085731	118.676165
Windimurra	Maximus Resources, Apex Minerals, Windimurra Resources	19,082	182	3,466	7.6	-28.22443	118.514046
Nyang	Energia Minerals	12,200	280	3,416	7.5		
Anketell	Energy Metals	16,300	167	2,722	6.0	-28.013797	118.720187
Abercromby - Millipede	Toro Energy	3,410	662	2,258	5.0	-26.82535	120.3461
Yanrey - Bennet Well	Cauldron Energy	7,296	296	2,160	4.8	-22.53259	115.07569
Lake Raeside - Mopoke Well	Energy Metals (J00388), Red Oaks (J00387)	7,060	260	1,852	4.1	-28.783661	120.648399
Lake Mason	Energy Metals	9,100	185	1,680	3.7	-27.77907	119.379799
Wondimong	Aura Energy	6,500	185	1,203	2.7	-27.795	118.310193
Lakeside - Lake Austin	Energy Metals	2,624	317	0,832	1.8	-27.43206	117.709702
Angelo River	Danny Smith	0,644	1,240	0,799	1.8	-23.580742	118.224436
Cummins Range	Navigator Resources	4,170	187	0,780	1.7	-19.287002	127.166395
Jailor Bore	Matsa Resources, W.R. Richmond	1,430	500	0,715	1.6	-23.767559	115.274498
Yuinmery	Aldershot Resources	1,580	370	0,585	1.3	-28.564369	119.099998
Yinniharra - Mimi Creek	U3O8	3,500	123	0,430	0.9	-28.8254	116.2254
Turee Creek	Aldershot Resources, Cameco	1,050	350	0,367	0.8	-23.4881	118.596901
Murchison Downs	P R Gianni, and A P Rudd	0,300	633	0,190	0.4	-26.823681	119.000999
Cogla Downs	Citic Nickel Australia, Impact Minerals	0,150	630	0,095	0.2	-27.360934	118.918647
Ballah Bore East	Encounter Resources, Avoca Resources	0,350	210	0,074	0.2	-26.867531	119.810303
Lake Way South	Encounter Resources, Avoca Resources	0,220	244	0,054	0.1	-26.823601	120.373001
Total		401.467		211.132	465.5		

Table 2 YC3748 (3)

Applicants name	Target Commodities	Co-funding amount
Alamar Resources Ltd	U	\$25,000
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Enterprise Metals Limited	U	\$17,000
Mega Redport Limited	U	\$131,150
U308 Limited	U	\$125,000
URANEX NL	U	\$67,000
URANEX NL	U, W, Au	\$38,000
Encounter Resources Ltd	Mn, U, Cu	\$150,000
Enterprise Metals Limited	Fe, Au, Cu, U	\$150,000
Teck Australia	Cu, Au +/- U	\$150,000
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