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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 11 August 2011

Robin Chapple MLC to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to Question on notice 2711, and ask:

1. Has the Mines Safety investigation into the fatality at Norseman Gold OK Mine been completed?
2. If yes to (1), has a report been prepared?
3. Will the Minister table the report?
4. If no to (1), what stage is the investigation at, and when is it expected to be completed?
5. Have the escape ladders in the riser shafts now been repaired?

I thank the Hon Member for some notice of this question.

1. Yes
2. Yes
3. No. Section 26(2) of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 prescribes the circumstances under which such a report may be disclosed. An inspector must not disclose to any person a report prepared by an inspector concerning an accident in a mine which resulted in death unless such disclosure is made under or in connection with the administration of the Act, in accordance with a subpoena, or in accordance with some other Act.
4. The report has been submitted to the Coroner and to the State Solicitor's Office. The exact timelines cannot be determined at this time.
5. The rising ladders were removed and new ladders have been installed.

