

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

Tuesday, 30 August 2011

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4548. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the Fourth Annual Kimberley Energy and Resources Development Conference held on 9 and 10 May 2011, Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome at which Dr Ivor Roberts, Executive Director - Mineral Titles Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, spoke on 'Government initiatives and mineral project approvals in the Kimberley', and I ask -

- (1) Is the Government reviewing how coal gasification licences are to be administered?
- (2) What administrative regime is preferred by the Minister -
 - (a) by Petroleum Licensing; or
 - (b) by Mining Licensing?
- (3) In the same context as (1) and (2), has the Minister reviewed the licensing process of hydraulic fracturing or hydrofracking for the recovery of oil and natural gas?
- (4) If yes to (3), what administrative regime is preferred to by the Minister?
- (5) How many companies are investigating coal gasification options in Western Australia?
- (6) Will the Minister table a list of corporations investigating coal gasification options in Western Australia and their area of research?

Answer

- (1) Yes.
- (2) (b) is preferred (under the *Mining Act 1978*, as coal is a mineral).
- (3) Yes.
- (4) *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*.
- (5) Only one is known.
- (6) Eneabba Gas Limited in the Mid West region of WA.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM