

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

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Tuesday, 12 June 2012

5626. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

(1) With regard to question on notice No. 5438 of Tuesday, 15 May 2012, question without notice No. 222 of Tuesday, 5 April 2011 and question without notice No. 116 of Thursday, 22 March 2012, I ask --

(a) if the waste material is not considered to be hazardous under the Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989 and Regulations, and it does not fall within the scope of one of the categories listed in Annex 1 of the Basel Convention;

(b) if the waste material is not classified as a radioactive substance and then under the Nuclear Non Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987 (Cwlth) that implements Australia's obligations under the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty 1970 do not apply; and

(c) if the provisions of the Commonwealth Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956, do not apply to the waste material, is the waste material allowed to be imported into Western Australia?

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

Answer

(1) (a) - (c)

All waste material proposed to be imported into Australia, that is not classified under Commonwealth Hazardous Waste, Nuclear Safeguards and Customs legislation, is subject to Commonwealth customs and quarantine requirements and State environmental protection legislation.

Waste material proposed to be imported into Western Australia may be subject to the Western Australian Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004. Waste material listed under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 is considered to be a controlled waste.

Waste material not listed in Schedule 1 of the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 is subject to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987.

(2) Not Applicable.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM