

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

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Tuesday, 11 September 2012

5952. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy soil and rock sampling program being undertaken by the Geological Survey of Western Australia, and ask -

- (1) What is the estimated cost of collecting the 3,500 soil samples?
- (2) What is the estimated cost of visiting 40 sites to look at rocks and collect samples?
- (3) When is projected that this program will be undertaken?
- (4) What is the anticipated duration of the sampling period?
- (5) What budget allocation are the funds coming from to facilitate the Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy soil and rock sampling program?

Answer

- (1) \$1 450 000
- (2) \$200 000
- (3) Conditional on weather and on completing heritage clearances, the project will be undertaken in the 2013 and possibly part of the 2014 dry seasons; between 1 May and 30 September 2013 and 1 May and 30 June 2014.
- (4) Soil sampling - about six weeks. Rock sampling is estimated at two weeks.
- (5) Kimberley Science and Conservation Strategy - Baseline Geochemical and Geophysical Surveys budget



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM