

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

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Tuesday, 15 October 2013

358. Hon Robin Chappie to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health.

In regards to the government ordered study on the health risks associated with iron-oxide dust in Port Hedland, I ask:

- (a) is the study still on target to be concluded by 2015:
    - (i) if no to (a), why not; and
    - (ii) if yes to (a), when exactly will the study be completed;
  - (b) will the Minister please list all the people who have been involved in the study, including the dates of their involvement and their roles; and
  - (c) advise who is currently the chair of the study?
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**Answer**

- (a) Yes.
  - (i) Not applicable.
  - (ii) The Health Risk Assessment was scheduled to be completed by the end of 2015; the end date has been brought forward to mid-2015.
- (b) The Health Risk Assessment is being undertaken by Toxikos Pty Ltd, Toxicology Consultants based in Melbourne, Victoria. Toxikos will report their findings to the Port Hedland Health Subcommittee chaired by the Department of Health which reports to the Premier's Taskforce chaired by the Department of State Development. Toxikos was awarded the contract on 2 September 2013.
- (c) The Port Hedland Health Subcommittee is chaired by Mr Jim Dodds from the Department of Health.

