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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 5 December 2013

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the article in the Weekend Australian. 'Legacy warning in mine collapse,' featured on page 7, 23 November 2013, and the Maggie Hays Mine I ask:

1. What is the status of MC63/2941 and who was the owner?
2. What is the status of M63/163 and who is the owner?
3. Who is fiscally responsible for the collapsed pit and why?
4. Is a bond still retained by the Department in respect of the company whose operation led to the collapse of the pillar?
5. If yes to (4), will those funds be mobilised to ameliorate the impacts of this collapse?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. The tenement no longer exists as it was surrendered on 18 July 1982 by the tenement holder, Amoco Minerals Australia Ltd.
 2. Live, and the tenement holder is Norilsk Nickel.
 3. Norilsk Nickel, because they are the tenement holder.
 4. Yes
 5. If required.
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