

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 19th February 2013

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

With regard to the Buru Energy Limited Yulleroo 2 well that was fracked in 2010, I
ask:

1. What is the current status of this well?
2. Does the well intercept any geological faults?
3. If yes to (2), when were these fault identified and by whom?
4. If yes to (2), is the fault naturally occurring or did it form as a result of drilling
or fracking?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. The status of the Yulleroo 2 well is suspended.
 2. Yes, the well appears to intersect at least one fault at depth.
 3. The fault appears to have been identified on the Yulleroo 3D seismic survey
carried out in 2011. The fault is also interpreted to occur within Yulleroo 2, which
was drilled in 2008. This information has been provided by Buru Energy and so it
is assumed that the fault was recognised by geologists from Buru Energy.
 4. The fault was observed on seismic reflection data prior to both drilling in 2008
and fracking in 2010. It can be stated with confidence that the fault did not form
as a result of fracking.
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