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

Tuesday, 1 April 2014


Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Water.

I refer to Question On Notice No. 760 asked in the Legislative Council on 20 February 2014, and ask:

1. What roll does the Department of Water (DOW) have in relation to events and breaches described in this question and answers?
2. If none to (1), why not?
3. Was the DOW made aware of the breaches in 2013 and 2014, if so by whom and on what dates?
4. If no to (3), why not?
5. What action will the DOW take to ensure that waste water and drill cuttings, drill fluid, and cement from these ponds do not contaminate any standing water in the region?
6. Has Buru beached any standards, licences, conditions or requirements of the DOW?
7. If yes to (6), what action will the Minister or his Department take against Buru on these matters?
8. If yes to (6) but no to (7), why not?

I thank the Member for some notice of this question.

- (1) None
- (2) Oil and gas exploration and production is regulated by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) under the *Petroleum and Geothermal and Energy Resources Act 1967*. Environmental pollution is regulated by the Department of Environment Regulation under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- (3) No
- (4) See response to Question 2.
- (5) None. Monitoring for the purposes of detection of contaminants and drilling fluids around drill sites are regulated by the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
- (6) No
- (7) Not applicable
- (8) Not applicable


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