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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 2 April 2014

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

I refer to the article "Coroner urges mine barriers," page 7, The West Australian, Monday, 31 March 2014, and I ask.

1. Will the Minister make regulation or instruct the Department of Mines and Petroleum to ensure that licence conditions comply with the Coroner's findings?
2. If no to 1.) why not?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. No
2. The Department of Mines and Petroleum is working to modernise the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*, in line with the nationally harmonised Model Work Health and Safety legislation. The proposed new legislation will require an operator of a mine to prepare Principal Mining Hazard Management Plans to identify all key risks in their operations and to implement and document risk management strategies to manage those risks. In the case mentioned by the Coroner, this would include having appropriate barriers in place if equipment is required to work near an edge.

