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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 06 May 2014

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

With regard to activities being carried out at two locations in Broome, being Lot 30, No.6 De Castilla Street and Lot E3 Port Drive, by M-I Australia Pty Ltd, I ask:

1. Is the Minister aware that the company has for some months been operating without environmental approvals and licences?
2. Has the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) advised the Department of Health, Broome Shire Council, Broome Port Authority, Yawuru Park Council and Roebuck Bay Working Group of M-I Australia's unlicensed activities, and that these have the potential to cause harm to the environment and human health?
3. Will the Minister order an investigation into the operations of M-I Australia Pty Ltd in Broome including, but not limited to, their waste management processes?
4. Has DER investigated the drainage and containment measures at both of M-I Australia's Broome operational sites to ensure that environmental objectives for inland water quality, including that contained in aquifers, is being maintained?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Environment, as the Department of Environment Regulation has responsibility for these activities.

