

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Wednesday, 18 June 2014

Hon Martin Aldridge to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to question without notice 602 answered on 17 June 2014 and ask:

1. When and by whom was the contamination detected within EP389?
2. When was the Department of Mines and Petroleum notified of the contamination?
3. When did the Minister for Mines and Petroleum become aware of the contamination?
4. What is the extent of the contamination?
5. Is the site on the register of contaminated sites under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*?
6. When were the landowner and neighbouring landowner's notified of the contamination and by whom?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

1. The initial complaint was received by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Pollution Unit on 29 March 2011.
2. DEC Pollution Unit notified DMP on 5 April 2011.
3. This issue came to the attention of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum in the second half of 2013.
4. The suspected contamination was investigated by DEC, now the Department of Environment Regulation under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*. DMP is now assessing a site rehabilitation plan based on recent groundwater monitoring that indicates there is now no contamination.

5. Yes

6. DMP does not have this information, noting that the permit holder is also the landowner.

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