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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 19 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 and 627 and ask:

1. Please explain if public disclosure is made by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum and/or the Department of Mines and Petroleum of breaches and directions made pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*?
2. What procedure/s, if any, does the Minister for Mines and Petroleum and/or the Department of Mines and Petroleum follow when notifying landowners, neighbouring property holders and the general public of a contamination?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. Directions made pursuant to the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* (the Act) are recorded as an endorsement in title registers. Breaches of the Act are not publicly available.
 2. Under the Act, petroleum title holders are responsible for notifying all relevant stakeholders in relation to petroleum activities, including breaches of conditions such as leaks and spills. Where contamination has been identified under the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*, information about the contaminated site is recorded on the Department of Environment Regulation website.
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