

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

Tuesday, 6 May 2014

1124. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the Coolgardie State Battery Mineral Processing Reserve 9435 and the report by CSIRO Minerals, which may be found at:  
<http://www.robinchapple.com/sites/default/files/Hg%20speciation%20results.pdf>,  
and ask:

- (a) has the Department of Mines and Petroleum worked with the responsible parties, including the Department of Environment Regulation and the Contaminated Sites Committee to conduct an investigation of this site for contamination;
- (b) if yes to (a), is this a contaminated site;
- (c) if no to (a), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), who is responsible for ensuring remediation occurs;
- (e) if yes to (b), when will remediation occur; and
- (f) if the site is contaminated but remediation will not occur, why not?

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Answer

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) No
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) The Coolgardie Battery Site is located on Mineral Processing Crown Reserve 9435 vested with Perth Mint.
- (d) - (e)  
Not applicable
- (f) This question should be referred to the Minister for Environment as the Department of Environment Regulation has responsibility.

