

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**Question on notice****Wednesday, 7 May 2014**

1203. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the Arrowsmith fracking well site and photos at http://www.robinchapple.com/sites/default/files/Arrowsmith_fracking_containers.jpg and http://www.robinchapple.com/sites/default/files/Arrowsmith_fracking_container_leak.jpg, and I ask:

- (a) when was the site drilled and fracked;
- (b) was a stockpile of 40 full 1000 litre plastic containers left at the site;
- (c) what did those plastic containers contain;
- (d) were any of those containers leaking, if so, how many and what was the material that was leaking;
- (e) when were the plastic containers removed;
- (f) was environmental remediation of the areas impacted by the spills remediated;
- (g) was the remediation checked by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and found to be successful;
- (h) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) was the basis of removal of those plastic containers because of an alert by the community;
- (j) if yes to (i), when was that alert provided to the DMP;
- (k) if yes to (i), who provided that alert;
- (l) how many times during the lead up to the frack and subsequently to the current date have DMP officers visited the site and on what days; and
- (m) if no dates were given in (l), why have the DMP officers not visited the site?

Answer

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) Drilling was undertaken from May to June 2011. Hydraulic fracture stimulation was undertaken from July to September 2012.
- (b) Yes, 44 x 1 000L containers, with one only partially filled were temporarily left on site for 20 days due to delays with the transportation company.
- (c) Oil/condensate recovered from the Arrowsmith 2 well.
- (d) Yes, one 1 000L container leaked onsite, resulting in one litre of oil/condensate being spilt onto the ground.
- (e) 28 April 2014.
- (f) Yes, contaminated soil was removed from the site and disposed of at an appropriate waste disposal facility.
- (g) Photo evidence was received to confirm remediation that was completed to the Department of Mines and Petroleum's satisfaction.
- (h) Not applicable
- (i) No
- (j) Not applicable
- (k) Not applicable
- (l) Officers from the Department of Mines and Petroleum visited the site 10 times: on 21 September 2011, 26 July 2012, 27 to 29 July 2012, 12 August 2012, 22 August 2012, 7 to 8 February 2013, 14 May 2013, 9 July 2013, 19 September 2013, and 18 September 2013.
- (m) Not applicable

