

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Thursday, 19 June 2014

1318. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to pages 1 and 6 from the "2013-10-29 Lynas ASX Release - CEO Address AGM" located at <http://www.robinchapple.com/pages-2013-10-29-lynas-asx-release>, and page 6 of the document which refers to trials in Western Australian canola fields of the use of solid residues emanating from the water leached purification system from the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP), near Kuantan in Pahang, Malaysia, and I ask:

- (a) where are these field trials occurring;
- (b) was permission granted by the Minister for these field trials to occur;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) if yes to (b), why;
- (e) has the chemical composition of the solid residues emanating from the water leached purification system been tested for chemical and or radioactive material;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) if yes to (e), will the Minister table the results of those tests;
- (h) was permission sought from the Minister to import the solid residues emanating from the water leached purification from the LAMP in Malaysia;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) if yes to (h), when did this occur;
- (k) if yes to (h), was permission granted or refused; and
- (l) if permission was granted in respect of (k), will the Minister table documentation to support that decision?

Answer

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) – (l) The Department of Mines and Petroleum has no involvement in the importation, transport and use of this material in agricultural trials.

