

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

**Thursday, 14 August 2014**

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

I refer to an ABC radio interview (Radio National Breakfast, 31 July 2014) regarding fracking for unconventional gas (tight gas, shale gas, coal seam gas) in the Canning Basin, in which Minister Marmion said: "... a lot of mischievous comments are being made by people who don't like renewable energy but I have to say that gas is a very clean fuel ...", and I ask:

1. Does the Minister stand by his comments that unconventional gas is a renewable form of energy?
  - a) If yes to 1, could the Minister please explain how this is the case?
  - b) If no to 1, what is his position regarding the relationship between unconventional gas and renewable energy?
2. In this context, can the Minister point to a single mischievous comment made by people who don't like renewable energy?

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

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum advises:

There is no such thing as unconventional gas in Western Australia.

1. - 2.            Not applicable.

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