

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 19 August 2014

Hon Sue Ellery to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

I refer to the article "The real deal with Clive" published in the Australian Financial Review on July 24 which refers to the mining company CITIC dynamiting Preston Island:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether this incident took place, and if so:
 - (a) Was the company given approval by the State Government to dynamite Preston Island;
 - (b) If yes to (a), when was approval given and by which department or departments; and
 - (c) When did the State Government first learn of this incident and what was its response?
- (2) Did the State Government impose an environmental bond on the project?
- (3) If yes to (2), what was the value of the bond?
- (4) If no to (2), why not and at which party's request was a bond waived?

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

- (1) As part of the port construction much of the island has been developed into a port storage area. The construction works which have occurred at the island are in accordance with the approval. It should be noted the original approval was granted by the Government in 2003.
- (2) In 2003, the then Minister for Environment imposed 16 environmental conditions on the proposal as part of the Ministerial approval. The approval did not place a condition requiring an environmental bond.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) See (2) above.

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