

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Tuesday, 9 September 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development.

I refer to the article "Phase out FIFO" on page 4 of the Sunday Times of 24 Aug 2014 and the article "Blueprint to urbanise Pilbara" in the Weekend Australian, Saturday 28 November 2009, and ask:

1. Did Royalties for Regions, the Regional Development Commission, Pilbara Cities or any other agency have discussions with the mining industry in the Pilbara about the Pilbara Cities blueprint prior to its announcement?
2. If yes to (1), with who were those discussions held?
3. If yes to (1), on what dates were those discussions held?
4. If yes to (1), was the issue of the need for mining companies to reduce or cancel their Fly In Fly Out operations raised?
5. If yes to (4), what were the responses from the mining industries?
6. If no to (4), why not?

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

1. No, I have been advised by the Department of Regional Development that neither the former Department of Regional Development and Lands nor the Pilbara Development Commission had discussions with the mining industry in the Pilbara about the 2009 Pilbara Cities blueprint prior to its announcement. I am unable to respond on behalf of other agencies that are not within my portfolio.
2. – 6. Not applicable.

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