

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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

**Tuesday, 21 October 2014**

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

With regard to the World Shale Oil & Gas Summit in Dallas on 4-7 November 2014, I  
ask:

1. In what capacity and on whose authority will Acting Executive Director,  
Petroleum Approvals, Department of Mines and Petroleum, Mr Jeff Haworth  
attend the Summit and address the session titled 'International Prospects: The  
Very Latest Updates from Countries that are Prioritising Shale'?
2. Is it appropriate for a senior public servant to be promoting shale oil and gas  
developments on the world stage while simultaneously having responsibility for  
holding the industry to account by applying State Government regulations? If not,  
why not?

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. Mr Haworth will be attending the World Shale Oil and Gas Summit in his  
capacity as Executive Director, Petroleum.
2. Yes. This Summit provides a forum for the Executive Director, Petroleum to  
present and explain in detail Western Australia's leading practices in regulating  
the shale and tight gas industry, specifically: well design, environmental  
protection and water management.

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