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

Tuesday, 2 December 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

I refer to Rio Tinto's plans to build a rail spur through the Wittenoom area and ask:

- (1) Will the Minister for Environment provide information on how the asbestos fibres will be removed before he approves Rio Tinto's plans?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?

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

The Minister for the Environment has provided the following response.

- (1)-(2) The Environmental Protection Authority's report and recommendations for the Koodaideri Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project includes recommended environmental condition 12, which details how asbestos will be managed during the design and construction of the rail spur. I am currently consulting with decision making authorities regarding the proposal, before I make my decision as to whether the proposal should be implemented.

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