

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question on notice**

**Tuesday, 5 May 2015**

3038. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Has the State Government compiled an inventory of radioactive waste holdings across Western Australia?
- (2) If yes to (1), is this a publicly available document?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Have any deficiencies been identified with existing radioactive waste stores?
- (5) If yes to (4), what is being done to redress those deficiencies?
- (6) If no to (1), is the State Government in the process of compiling an inventory?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

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**Answer**

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (1)-(7) The Department of Environment Regulation regulates emissions and discharges from prescribed premises including those from radioactive waste primarily under provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Department of Mines and Petroleum administers the *Mining Act 1978* and the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*.

The lead agency for oversight of radioactive waste holdings is the Radiological Council and therefore this question should be addressed to the Minister for Health.

