

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

3251. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the alleged damage to Buru Energy's Yulleroo 2 gas well in the Kimberley, reported in January 2015, and I ask:

(a) has the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) completed its investigation into a gas leak and the alleged damage to the well head;

(b) if no to (a), when is the investigation expected to be completed;

(c) if yes to (a), will the Minister table the results and findings of the investigation and, if not, why not;

(d) did the investigation conclude how and when the damage occurred;

(e) did the investigation rule out the possibility that the damage was caused inadvertently by Buru Energy or its contractors;

(f) how old was the christmas tree on the Yulleroo 2 well head;

(g) was the master valve shut when the well was inspected for the gas leak and, if not, why not;

(h) when was the last inspection by the DMP of the Yulleroo 2 well before the gas leak was found;

(i) what was the reading of the gas meter at the gas leak site; and

(j) will the Minister apologise for his groundless accusations about people concerned about fracking and, if not, why not?

Answer

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum advises:

(a) No

(b) The investigation is expected to be completed by October 2015.

(c) Not applicable

(d) The investigation has not been completed.

- (e) The investigation has not been completed.
- (f) The Christmas tree was installed in 2008.
- (g) The investigation has not been completed.
- (h) 7 May 2008.
- (i) The investigation has not been completed.
- (j) No

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