

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
Question on notice

tabled paper.

Tuesday, 11 August 2015

3290. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the article in *The West Australian* on 3 July, 2015 entitled "Fund may foot Ellendale bill", and question on notice No. 1296 answered on 19 August 2014, and ask:

- (a) how many bonds still exist over current mining operations;
- (b) will the Minister provide a list of these mining operations, the number of bonds held by each mining operation, the amount of each of these individual bonds held, and the total of the bonds held for each mining operation;
- (c) if no to (b), why not;
- (d) how many bonds still exist over non-operating mining operations;
- (e) will the Minister provide a list of these mining operations, the number of bonds held by each mining operation, the amount of each of these individual bonds held, and the total of the bonds held for each mining operation;
- (f) if no to (e), why not;
- (g) prior to the advent of the Mining Rehabilitation Fund, how many environmental bonds were held by mining operations and non-operating mining operations;
- (h) will the Minister provide a list of these mining operations, the number of bonds held by each mining operation, the amount of each of these individual bonds held, and the total of the bonds held for each mining operation;
- (i) if no to (h), why not;
- (j) as part of the transition to the Mining Rehabilitation Fund, how many environmental bonds have now been retired;
- (k) did the Ellendale mine have any bonds at any time;
- (l) if yes to (k), how many, and of what value by amount and percentage of the estimated rehabilitation costs;
- (m) have any of the original bonds been retired;
- (n) if yes to (m), how many, and of what value by amount and percentage of the estimated rehabilitation costs;

(o) how much has Ellendale contributed to the Mining Rehabilitation Fund by year, amount per year, and in total;

(p) what is the estimated cost of rehabilitation for the Ellendale operation;

(q) if not known to (p), why not;

(r) will the Directors of the Kimberley Diamonds Ltd, Mr Rod Sainty, Mr Yong Xiao, Mr Rupert Baring or Mr Noel Halgreen, or Kimberley Diamonds Ltd be allowed to operate in Western Australia in any other mining ventures until the Ellendale site has been rehabilitated; and

(s) if yes to (r), why?

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**Answer**

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

(a) 201

(b) [See Tabled Paper no.]

(c) Not applicable

(d) 14

(e) [See Tabled Paper no.]

(f) Not applicable

(g) 5,522

(h) No

(i) The Members request is very broad and would require a significant input of the State's resources to answer. If the member has a specific question relating to a particular bond or project, he should ask directly

(j) 4,581

(k) Yes

(l) 25 separate Unconditional Performance Bonds have applied to the Ellendale mine since 1995, although not all of these Unconditional Performance Bonds have applied at the same time. The value of each of these Unconditional Performance Bonds is listed - [See Tabled Paper no.]. The value of the Unconditional Performance Bonds were set in accordance with the Government's policy for Unconditional Performance Bonds that applied at the time.

(m) Yes, all of them.

(n) See (l) and (m) above.

- (o) For the period 2013: \$404,595.00;  
For the Period 2014: \$414,231.40;  
Total : \$818,826.40.
- (p) The estimated cost of rehabilitation for the Ellendale Mine is approximately \$40 million.
- (q) Not applicable
- (r) This is a matter for the Australian Securities and Investment Corporation.
- (s) Not applicable

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**List of Bonds that still exist over current mining operations.**

Company Names	Tenements	Project Name	Current Value of UPB	Current number of UPB
APEX GOLD PTY LTD	L 53/45	Wiluna Gold	\$15,000.00	1
	L 53/62		\$42,000.00	1
	L 53/77		\$7,500.00	1
	L 53/94		\$29,000.00	1
	M 53/200		\$1,244,000.00	1
	M 53/205		\$13,000.00	1
	M 53/26		\$511,000.00	1
	M 53/32		\$112,000.00	1
	M 53/40		\$91,000.00	2
	M 53/43		\$5,000.00	1
	M 53/44		\$77,000.00	1
	M 53/468		\$5,000.00	1
	M 53/50		\$56,000.00	1
	M 53/6		\$90,000.00	1
	M 53/64		\$31,000.00	1
	M 53/69		\$89,000.00	1
	M 53/95		\$177,000.00	2
	M 53/96		\$602,000.00	1
			<b>\$3,196,500.00</b>	
APEX GOLD PTY LTD, JAMES MURRAY JACKSON	M 53/30	Wiluna Gold	\$67,000.00	1
			<b>\$67,000.00</b>	

AUVEX RESOURCES PTY LTD, MESA MINERALS LIMITED	M 46/237	Mesa JV - Ant Hill	\$24,000.00	2
	M 46/238		\$182,000.00	2
			<b>\$206,000.00</b>	
BIRLA NIFTY PTY LTD	E 45/3575	Nifty	\$28,000.00	1
	L 45/128		\$80,000.00	1
	L 45/143		\$80,000.00	1
			<b>\$188,000.00</b>	
BRENDAN PATRICK FREEMAN, NEIL JEFFREY WANDEL	M 63/478	Scaddan Gypsum / Wandhill	\$38,000.00	1
			<b>\$38,000.00</b>	
CARNEGIE GOLD PTY LTD	M 30/99	Davyhurst	\$34,160.00	1
			<b>\$34,160.00</b>	
CHARLES JOSEPH BOYES	M 15/1339	Mt Burges Gravel / Boyes	\$12,000.00	1
			<b>\$12,000.00</b>	
DESTRA CORPORATION LTD, HAOMA MINING NL, KITCHENER MINING NL	M 45/480	Bamboo Creek Nickel	\$20,000.00	1
	M 45/481		\$90,000.00	1
			<b>\$110,000.00</b>	
FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	E 38/1867	Laverton - Barnicoat / Focus	\$10,000.00	1
	G 38/24		\$76,000.00	1
	L 38/120		\$908,500.00	1
	L 38/152		\$50,000.00	1
	L 38/160		\$150,000.00	1
	L 38/164		\$49,500.00	1

		\$261,000.00	1
	L 38/165	\$10,000.00	1
	L 38/52	\$50,000.00	1
	L 38/53	\$7,000.00	1
	L 38/56	\$7,000.00	1
	L 38/57	\$10,000.00	1
	L 38/63	\$54,000.00	1
	L 38/76	\$236,000.00	1
	L 38/92	\$120,000.00	1
	L 39/124	\$50,000.00	1
	L 39/214	\$250,000.00	1
	M 38/101	\$556,000.00	1
	M 38/1032	\$189,000.00	1
	M 38/1042	\$652,100.00	1
	M 38/143	\$153,000.00	1
	M 38/159	\$60,700.00	1
	M 38/236	\$1,766,000.00	1
	M 38/261	\$86,000.00	1
	M 38/264	\$695,000.00	1
	M 38/270	\$2,700,000.00	1
	M 38/318	\$50,000.00	1
	M 38/342	\$420,000.00	1
	M 38/345	\$68,000.00	1
	M 38/37	\$642,000.00	1
	M 38/376	\$144,000.00	1
	M 38/377	\$10,000.00	1
	M 38/49	\$860,000.00	1
	M 38/535	\$110,000.00	1
	M 38/693	\$407,000.00	1
	M 39/138		

	M 39/139			
	M 39/185		\$186,000.00	1
	M 39/262		\$254,000.00	1
			\$154,000.00	1
			<b>\$12,461,800.00</b>	
FOCUS MINERALS LTD	G 15/7	Bayleys Reward Tailings / Ruane	\$20,000.00	1
			<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
FOCUS MINERALS LTD	M 15/1358	Coolgardie Gold / Focus		
	M 15/1789		\$20,000.00	1
	M 15/1793		\$50,000.00	1
	M 15/1809		\$164,000.00	1
	M 15/23		\$96,000.00	1
	M 15/385		\$5,000.00	1
	M 15/411		\$5,000.00	1
	M 15/515		\$7,000.00	1
	M 15/761		\$10,000.00	1
	M 15/791		\$5,000.00	1
FOCUS MINERALS LTD, FOCUS OPERATIONS PTY LTD	L 15/114		\$10,000.00	1
	L 15/119		\$60,000.00	1
	L 15/126		\$5,000.00	1
	L 15/127		\$5,000.00	1
	L 15/211		\$5,000.00	1
	L 15/88		\$5,000.00	1
	L 15/90		\$37,500.00	1
	L 15/95		\$48,000.00	1
	L 15/96		\$24,000.00	1
	M 15/1294		\$5,000.00	1
			\$10,000.00	1

	M 15/1432		\$61,000.00	1
	M 15/154		\$302,000.00	1
	M 15/1788		\$276,000.00	1
	M 15/277		\$10,000.00	1
	M 15/365		\$6,000.00	1
	M 15/630		\$139,000.00	1
	M 15/636		\$22,000.00	1
	M 15/645		\$1,204,000.00	1
	M 15/646		\$536,000.00	1
	M 15/660		\$11,000.00	1
			<b>\$3,143,500.00</b>	
HEDGES GOLD PTY LTD	G 70/172	Hedges	\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/173		\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/174		\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/175		\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/176		\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/177		\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/178		\$2,000,000.00	1
	G 70/179		\$2,000,000.00	1
	M 70/588		\$2,000,000.00	1
			<b>\$18,000,000.00</b>	
HUDSON RESOURCES LTD	M 70/128	Lake Nerramyne	\$78,000.00	3
	M 70/606		\$111,000.00	5
			<b>\$189,000.00</b>	
HUDSON RESOURCES LTD	M 70/842	North Perth Basin Diatomite	\$40,000.00	1
	M 70/129		\$30,000.00	2



			<b>\$70,000.00</b>	
IRON VALLEY PTY LTD	E 47/1385-I	Iron Valley	\$50,000.00	1
	M 47/1439-I		\$3,287,000.00	3
			<b>\$3,337,000.00</b>	
KAGARA LTD	M 04/249	Admiral Bay Area Coal	\$54,000.00	1
			<b>\$54,000.00</b>	
KIMBERLEY METALS GROUP PTY LTD	E 80/2389-I	Ridges Iron Ore	\$99,000.00	1
	E 80/4309-I		\$11,000.00	1
	G 80/15		\$238,000.00	1
	L 80/55		\$132,000.00	2
	M 80/599-I		\$59,000.00	1
	M 80/600-I		\$398,000.00	1
			<b>\$937,000.00</b>	
KOOLAN IRON ORE PTY LTD	E 04/1266-I	Koolan Island	\$100,000.00	1
	L 04/29		\$92,000.00	2
	M 04/416-I		\$2,265,000.00	3
	M 04/417-I		\$2,786,000.00	2
			<b>\$5,243,000.00</b>	
METEORIC RESOURCES NL	E 16/372-I	Coorara	\$20,000.00	1
			<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
MOLY METALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	G 45/276	Spinifex Ridge - Kitty Gap Iron	\$350,000.00	1
	L 45/159		\$18,000.00	1
	L 45/160		\$33,000.00	1

	L 45/185		\$69,000.00	2
	L 45/186		\$379,000.00	1
	M 45/1095-I		\$849,000.00	3
	M 45/1096-I		\$76,000.00	2
	M 45/1164-I		\$766,000.00	1
			<b>\$2,540,000.00</b>	
ONslow METALS PTY LTD	M 08/272	Range and Turtle - Copper Ridge	\$215,000.00	1
	M 08/273		\$5,000.00	1
			<b>\$220,000.00</b>	
ONslow RESOURCES LTD	M 08/458	Ashburton Sand and Shingle / Onslow Resources	\$33,000.00	1
			<b>\$33,000.00</b>	
PEAK HILL MANGANESE PTY LTD	M 52/806	Peak Hill - Horseshoe Manganese	\$120,000.00	1
			<b>\$120,000.00</b>	
PILBARA MANGANESE PTY LTD	E 45/2641-I	Oakover Manganese / CML	\$48,000.00	1
			<b>\$48,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	M 45/1189-I	Poondano Iron Ore	\$968,000.00	3
			<b>\$968,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	E 47/1557-I	Weelumurra Creek	\$138,000.00	3
			<b>\$138,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	E 77/1374-I	Bullfinch North - Mayfield	\$15,000.00	1

			<b>\$15,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	E 15/1196-I	Carina	\$13,000.00	1
	E 77/1418-I		\$14,000.00	1
	E 77/842-I		\$20,000.00	1
	G 15/21		\$238,000.00	1
	L 15/303		\$72,000.00	2
	L 15/305		\$1,133,000.00	2
	L 15/306		\$25,000.00	1
	L 15/311		\$12,000.00	1
	L 16/91		\$24,000.00	1
	M 77/1095-I		\$5,000.00	1
	M 77/1096-I		\$5,000.00	1
	M 77/1244-I		\$3,207,000.00	4
	M 77/1261-I		\$1,349,000.00	1
	M 77/580		\$50,000.00	2
			<b>\$6,167,000.00</b>	
PROCESS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	L 47/336	Phils Creek / PMI	\$55,000.00	2
	L 47/555		\$17,000.00	1
	L 47/559		\$73,000.00	1
	L 47/560		\$75,000.00	1
	L 47/569		\$270,000.00	1
	L 47/626		\$402,000.00	1
	L 47/627		\$60,000.00	1
	M 47/1359-I		\$436,000.00	1
	M 47/1421-I		\$251,000.00	1
			<b>\$1,639,000.00</b>	

REED INDUSTRIAL MINERALS PTY LTD	M 15/1000	Mt Marion Pegmatite	\$956,000.00	1
			<b>\$956,000.00</b>	
RUBIANNA RESOURCES LTD	M 51/291	Ruby Well / Rubianna	\$10,000.00	1
			<b>\$10,000.00</b>	
STRATEGIC PROJECTS MINING PTY LTD	L 27/64	N/A	\$9,000.00	1
	M 27/140	Mayday North Prospecting	\$16,800.00	1
			<b>\$25,800.00</b>	

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**List of Bonds that still exist over non-operating mining operations.**

Company Names	Tenements	Project Name	Current Value of UPB	Current Number of UPB
AURORA MINING PTY LTD	M59/117	Reids Ridge	\$20,000.00	1
			<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
BLINA MINERALS NL	M 04/392	Blina Diamonds	\$219,000.00	2
			<b>\$219,000.00</b>	
FOCUS MINERALS (LAVERTON) PTY LIMITED	M 38/46	Laverton - Barnicoat / Focus	\$15,000.00	1
			<b>\$15,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	E 45/2723-I	Poondano Iron Ore	\$82,000.00	2
			<b>\$82,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	E 47/1558-I	N/A	\$58,000.00	1
			<b>\$58,000.00</b>	
POLARIS METALS PTY LTD	E 77/1115-I	Carina	\$15,000.00	1
	E 77/919-I		\$5,000.00	1
	E 77/946-I		\$12,000.00	1
			<b>\$32,000.00</b>	

PROCESS MINERALS INTERNATIONAL PTY LTD	E 47/1238-I	Phils Creek / PMI	\$78,000.00	2
			<b>\$78,000.00</b>	
STRATEGIC PROJECTS MINING PTY LTD	M 24/439	N/A	\$7,000.00	1
			<b>\$7,000.00</b>	

**Unconditional Performance Bonds**

<b>Tenement</b>	<b>Bond No.</b>	<b>Bond Amount</b>
E 04/993	149842	\$ 30,000
E 04/1006	149843	\$ 10,000
E 04/1052	149844	\$ 10,000
M 04/372	149908	\$ 836,000
M 04/372	171507	\$ 836,000
E 04/1006	171509	\$ 10,000
E 04/1052	171510	\$ 10,000
M 04/372	197868	\$ 521,000
M 04/391	202793	\$ 20,000
M 04/372	203812	\$ 1,357,000
L 04/48	210755	\$ 33,000
M 04/372	222428	\$ 2,443,000
M 04/372	241061	\$ 220,000
M 04/372	250735	\$ 64,000
M 04/372	268257	\$ 442,000
M 04/372	278626	\$ 1,352,000
M 04/372	297619	\$ 120,000
M 04/372	306406	\$ 368,000
M 04/372	306407	\$ 250,000
M 04/372	311866	\$ 180,000
M 04/372	335902	\$ 6,732,000
M 04/372	337776	\$ 2,116,000
M 04/372	353726	\$ 125,000
M 04/372	382955	\$ 639,000
M 04/372	409359	\$ 2,537,000