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3773. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

I refer to the Key Petroleum Canning Basin Exploration Strategy ASX announcement of 10 September 2015, and question on notice No. 5123 answered on 1 May 2012 referencing three photos dated 1 April 2012, and ask:

- (a) have the proposals referred to in the Key Petroleum Canning Basin Exploration Strategy ASX announcement been referred to the Environmental Protection Authority;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) were any conditions attached to the causeways (identified in the photos) that passed through mangal systems;
- (d) was there any requirement for the proponent to remove the original causeway, drill pad or drill mud pond and rehabilitate the area;
- (e) if no to (c) or (d), why not;
- (f) if yes to (c) or (d), will the Minister table any conditions or requirements;
- (g) if no to (f), why not;
- (h) what were the types of drilling fluids used at this site;
- (i) were the drilling fluids removed and where were they removed to;
- (j) as the pond no longer exists and if the fluids were not removed, does the Minister consider that release of these drill muds into the mangal and marine ecosystem acceptable;
- (k) who was the proponent responsible for the environmental management of this causeway, drill pad and drill mud pond;
- (l) will the proponent be prosecuted for environmental contamination, breach of conditions or breach of licence; and
- (m) if no to (l), why not?

Answer

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

- (a) DMP has not received any proposals from Key Petroleum regarding Canning Basin Exploration, and therefore has not referred these proposals to the Environmental Protection Authority.
- (b) See (a) above.
- (c) Refer to answer (4) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (d) Refer to answer (5) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (e) Refer to answer (6) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (f) Refer to answer (7) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (g) Refer to answer (8) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (h) Refer to answer (9) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (i) Refer to answer (10) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (j) Refer to answer (11) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (k) Refer to answer (12) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (l) Refer to answer (13) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.
- (m) Refer to answer (15) in Parliamentary Question 5753, August 2012.

