

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 16 August 2016

C727. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Planning representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to the failure of the North sea water cooling pipe at the Yara captive power plant on Sunday, 24 July 2016, and ask:

- (1) What caused this failure?
- (2) How much sea water was lost to the environment?
- (3) What was the environmental effect of this water release?
- (4) Was it found that the South 24 inch sea water cooling water pipe at the Yara Captive Power Plant was also about to fail?
- (5) Was the department advised of the incident and on what date?
- (6) If no to (6), why not?

Answer

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

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (1)-(5) The Department of Environment Regulation has not been advised of the incident.
- (6) Under section 72 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, companies must report discharges of waste likely to cause pollution or environmental harm. The Department of Environment Regulation will contact Yara directly regarding the questioned release of sea water and its obligations, if any, to report it.

