

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 11 October 2016

C1120. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Planning representing the Minister for Environment

I refer to Question on Notice 2170 answered on Tuesday, 4 May 2010 with regard to quarantine on Barrow Island, and I ask:

- (1) Has the Department established a register of non-conformances?
- (2) If yes to (1) will the Minister table that register?
- (3) If no to (1) why not?
- (4) If no to (2) why not?
- (5) What is the current level of 'major' and 'critical' non-conformances?

Answer

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

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (1) The Department of Parks and Wildlife has established a register of non-conformances based on the data provided by Chevron on a monthly basis utilising the categories defined in the Quarantine Management System. The quarantine non-conformance categories are defined in the Quarantine Management System as Quarantine Intercept and Incident Levels 1, 2 and 3.

I now table a paper providing an explanation of each category.

- (2) This register can be tabled following the reconciliation of the register with the complete Chevron dataset.
- (3)-(4) Not applicable.
- (5) Chevron Australia have reported to September 2016.
Quarantine Intercepts: 1202 Level 1, 58 Level 2 and 38 Level 3 incidents.
Quarantine Incidents: 187 Level 1, 3 level 2 and 2 level 3 incidents.



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Quarantine Intercept Categories

Level 1 Quarantine Intercept

Within the Quarantine Remediation Area, prior to final quarantine clearance by Project Quarantine Inspectors, a determination that an intercepted contaminant is likely to be a low biodiversity risk to Barrow Island, irrespective of its mobility.

Level 2 Quarantine Intercept

Within the Quarantine Remediation Area, prior to final quarantine clearance by Project Quarantine Inspectors, a determination that an intercepted contaminant is likely to be of high biodiversity risk but low mobility.

Level 3 Quarantine Intercept

Within the Quarantine Remediation Area, prior to final quarantine clearance by Project Quarantine Inspectors, a determination that an intercepted contaminant is likely to be of high biodiversity risk and is highly mobile.

Quarantine Incident Categories

Level 1 Quarantine Incident

The detection of a confirmed NIS on freight, people, vessels, or aircraft, after final quarantine clearance, within the Quarantine Terrestrial Controlled Access Zone and confined to the Quarantine Terrestrial Controlled Access Zone;

- (ii) Declaration of a quarantine incident is subject to positive identification of a suspect specimen as NIS;
- (iii) The detection of species in the Limited Access Zone where the invasive risk of such species is assessed to be low;
- (iv) Records of new populations of existing weed species on Barrow Island due to Project activities (proliferation of existing weeds).

Level 2 Quarantine Incident

- (i) The detection of a confirmed NIS in the Quarantine Terrestrial Limited Access Zone on Barrow Island except where the species is assessed to be low risk;
- (ii) Declaration of a quarantine incident is subject to positive identification of a suspect specimen as NIS.

Level 3 Quarantine Incident

- (i) The detection of a confirmed NIS in the Quarantine Terrestrial Restricted Access Zone on Barrow Island, except where the species is assessed to be low risk;
- (ii) Declaration of a quarantine incident is subject to positive identification of a suspect specimen as NIS;
- (iii) The detection of NIS in any Access Zone on Barrow Island where the invasive risk of such species is assessed to be high.