

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Wednesday, 17 May 2017

C039. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

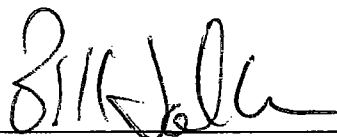
I refer to the Natural Gas (Canning Basin Joint Venture) Agreement Act 2013, and ask

1. What is the nature of the ALP moratorium?
2. How long will the moratorium remain in place?
3. How will Labor's policy to enact a state-wide moratorium on fracking affect the Natural Gas (Canning Basin Joint Venture) Agreement Act 2013?
4. Are any test fracks proposed for any tenements in Western Australia?
5. If yes will they be allowed to proceed?

Answer

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

1. The Government's policy is a ban on hydraulic fracture stimulation in the South West, Perth and Peel regions and a moratorium over the rest of mainland Western Australia while a scientific inquiry is undertaken into the practice. The Government is currently finalising mechanisms to implement this commitment.
2. During the scientific inquiry and until Government makes a further decision.
3. The Natural Gas (Canning Basin Joint Venture) Agreement Act 2013 is not affected by the policy.
4. There are, at present, no proposals to undertake hydraulic fracture stimulation either under assessment or approved by the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
5. Not applicable.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM