

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 27 June 2017

C330. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to an incident that occurred at Woodside Energy's Karratha Gas Plant on Saturday, 24 June 2017, a picture of which can be found at my website here:

<http://robinchapple.com/woodside-kgp-incident-24062017>

and which was reported to have burned for at least 24 hours, and ask:

What caused the incident and for how long did it burn?

1. What was the amount of gas that was vented or flared?
2. Has an inquiry into the incident been established?
3. What category was this incident defined as?
4. Were workers at the plant mustered on site or ordered to evacuate and if so, for how long?
5. Were members of the public at adjacent beaches warned about the incident and evacuated?

Answer

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. The amount of flare gas released will be determined and the amount included in the incident report, which is currently being prepared.
2. Woodside is undertaking an investigation into the incident to determine the root cause(s). Woodside reported the incident and is working cooperatively with the Department of Mines and Petroleum regarding this incident. The Department will review the investigation report once complete and determine if any further actions are necessary.
3. Level Three – which requires Woodside to undertake an investigation and which will be reviewed on completion/submission.
4. Yes. Personnel were mustered as per the site requirements. The duration of the muster will be included in the incident report.
5. Not directly as this action was not required. The site muster siren is audible from surrounding locations.



MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM

