

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 10 October 2017

C666. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to pictures showing ammonium nitrate leaving Yara's Technical Ammonium Nitrate (TAN) on the back of multiple trucks on the 29 August, 2017 and the 14 September, 2017 (Pictures can be found here: <http://robinchapple.com/trucks-picking-tan-yara-burrup-2017>), and ask:

1. Will the Minister confirm that TAN is being transported out of the Yara's facility on the Burrup Peninsula?
2. Where is the TAN being transported too?
3. How much TAN is being transported daily or by month by tonnage?
4. Does Yara Pilbara have a license to produce, transport and or export TAN?
5. If not, is this part of the commissioning process?

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. Yes, ammonium nitrate is being transported from the Yara facility.
2. Various locations in the domestic resources / mining market and international customers, including Orica.
3. Unknown. The plant's production capacity is about 915 tonnes per day, but there are many variables as to what will be transported on a daily/monthly basis. There is no regulatory requirement for the transporter to notify the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety of quantities being moved.
4. Yara has a licence to produce (manufacture) and export ammonium nitrate. It uses a licenced third party to transport the product.
5. Not applicable



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