

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 8 May 2018

SCANNED

C315. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Environment

I refer to Ministerial Statement 800 for the Gorgon Gas Project and ask:

1. Since operations began on Barrow Island, in millions of tonnes per annum, how much reservoir CO₂ removed in gas processing has been:
 - (a) Injected underground; and
 - (b) Vented to the atmosphere?
2. Schedule 3 requires that in the event the amount of CO₂ injected falls significantly below target levels the proponent must report on measures it will take to offset the emissions. Has the proponent done so?
3. If yes to 2), please describe the type of offsets and timeline for implementation, and if possible, table the proponent's report.
4. If no to 2), why not and what is the Government doing about it?

Answer

1. (a)-(b) I have asked the Environmental Protection Authority to inquire into Ministerial Statement 800, in particular, a clearly defined start point for the commencement of the carbon dioxide injection system.

No carbon dioxide has been injected underground to date. The amount of carbon dioxide removed in gas processing will be calculated following the Environmental Protection Authority inquiry.

2. No. The target levels for carbon dioxide injection are based on a five year rolling average. The result of the Environmental Protection Authority inquiry will assist in the determination of compliance with the carbon dioxide injection conditions, and whether any offset will be required.
3. Not applicable.
4. I have requested the Environmental Protection Authority to inquire into the conditions which relate to the reservoir carbon dioxide injection system of Ministerial Statement 800.



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MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES