

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question On Notice**

**Thursday, 8 November 2018**

**1758. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment**

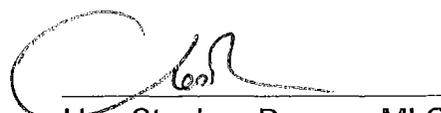
I refer to the BHP train derailment near Turner Siding on the 5 November 2018 and ask:

- (a) was the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) informed of this accident;
- (b) if yes to (a), on what date and time;
- (c) did officers from DBCA attend the site;
- (d) how much fuel oil leaked from the locomotives;
- (e) what methods were used to contain any spills of hydrocarbons;
- (f) what methods were used for the remediation of the impact of hydrocarbon material that was spilt;
- (g) was destroyed rolling stock disposed of locally or removed from site;
- (h) if destroyed rolling stock was disposed of locally, what methods were used to contain all forms of hydrocarbons from axels;
- (i) what was the estimated tonnage of iron ore spilt;
- (j) what happened to the iron ore that was spilt;
- (k) given there was a similar derailment at this location in 2011, is DBCA assessing cumulative impacts of buried material; and
- (l) if no to (k), why not?

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**Answer**

- (a) No. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) was notified of the incident through a report made under section 72 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) No.
- (d) BHP advised DWER that between 10,000 to 16,000 litres of hydrocarbon was released.
- (e) No one was in attendance at the time of the derailment and no immediate containment was undertaken. The diesel spilled onto the soil at the incident site.
- (f) Diesel-affected soil was excavated and placed into bunded areas that were lined with heavy duty plastic. Further remediation has not yet commenced.
- (g) Rolling stock will be cut up on scene and removed by truck for recycling.
- (h) Not applicable.
- (i) Approximately 30,000 tonnes of iron ore was split.
- (j) BHP advised that it will be disposed of to a licensed landfill.
- (k) No.
- (l) The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions has no statutory role in relation to assessing these incidents.

  
Hon Stephen Dawson MLC

**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES**