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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 20 November 2018

1777. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

(1) What is the department's total amount of spend on fossil fuels research?
(2) What is the department's total amount of spend on fossil fuels exploration?
(3) What is the department's total amount of spend on fossil fuels subsidies?

Answer

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety:

(1) Nil

(2) The only direct cost associated with exploration for fossil fuels is the Exploration Incentive Scheme co-funded drilling. Within EIS 3, petroleum companies that were offered grants have withdrawn from the funding. The one remaining company that has been offered a grant in the recently announced round 18, is likely to drill after the end of the 2018-19 financial year. Thus direct costs are $0 as of 09/01/2018.

(3) Nil

Mineral Research Institute of Western Australia:

(1) Investment of $166,120 in the following Research project:

M495 - A Study of Nano Diesel Particulate Matter (nDPM) Behaviour and Physico-chemical Changes in Underground Hard Rock Mines of Western Australia.

This project aims to study the effects of nDPM on health of workers in Underground Mines.

(2)-(3) Nil

MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM