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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

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Date By

C009. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Health

I refer to Tellus' Sandy Ridge Project and ask:

1. Why the Tellus waste acceptance criterion for uranium-238 is 100,000 Bq/g – when the laws of physics dictate that the highest possible value (for pure metallic U-238) is around 12,400 Bq/g?
2. Did Tellus do a full radiological characterisation of the site?
3. If no to (2), why not?
4. Did Tellus measure the concentrations of all relevant radionuclides in soil, water and air on site?
5. If no to (4), why not?

Answer

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of the question.

(1) The waste acceptance criteria are currently under review and yet to be fully assessed. Any issues identified in the current criteria will be addressed during the review and assessment process.

(2) The extensive documentation provided by Tellus is yet to be fully reviewed and will not only be subject to review by the Radiological Council and its officers but also by independent experts.

(3)-(5) As above.

