

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Tuesday, 12 March 2019

C160. Hon Tim Clifford to the Leader of the House representing the Premier

I refer to the Minister's comments in the West Australian today in which he criticised the Environmental Protection Agency's recommended greenhouse gas emissions standards and expressed concern that fossil fuel corporations were not consulted about regulating their own industry, and I ask:

1. Which fossil fuel corporations have been, or will be, invited to the 'roundtable discussion' referred to in the article?
2. Which individuals or organisations (other than fossil fuel corporations) have been, or will be, invited to the 'roundtable discussion'?
3. Will 'roundtable discussions' be held with members of the conservation, environment, scientific and medical communities? If not, why not?
4. Could the Minister please provide details of all communications (including meetings, phone calls, emails and written correspondence) between the Government and representatives from fossil fuel corporations that have occurred since the EPA's recommendations were published, including:
 - a. the date of communication;
 - b. the names of the individuals or corporations involved in the communication;
 - c. the content of the communication; and
 - d. the minutes from any meetings?

Answer

- 1-2. This Thursday, I will be hosting a roundtable discussion with key LNG industry stakeholders to discuss the Environmental Protection Authority's new greenhouse guidance statement and to work through the issues it raises for them. I have extended invitations to Chevron, Santos, Shell, Woodside, the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of WA, and the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association.
3. The Minister for the Environment will be leading consultations and engagement with all stakeholders, including the broader resources sector and conservation groups.
4. As canvassed in the media the government has been in contact with interested parties since the publication of the recommendations. It is not possible to give an accurate answer as I would not want to inadvertently mislead the house in the case that someone is missed.

Should the Member have a question about a particular party I would request he asks a specific question and I will endeavour to answer it.

