

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Tuesday, 13 August 2019**

**C815. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Regional Development representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade**

I refer to the article 'Diamond Mines Aren't Forever', page 25, in the 13/07/2019 edition of *The Weekend Australian*, and I ask:

- a. Was -- or is -- a rehabilitation bond held for the Argyle diamond mine;
- b. If yes to (a), what was the total bond held;
- c. If yes to (a), was the bond repatriated as part of the MRF scheme;
- d. Given that state government regulators are working closely with the proponent on site rehabilitation, what is the estimated cost of rehabilitation of the pit and surrounding area;
- e. Is full site rehabilitation, of both the mine pit and surrounds, required if the site were to be made into a tourist resort;
- f. Is full site rehabilitation, of both the mine pit and surrounds, required before the site is used for further mining activities; and
- g. Has the Government called for expressions of interest from other mining companies in relation to the Argyle facilities?

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**Answer**

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation advises:

- (a) No
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) Not available
- (e-f) The company is working on a Mine Closure Plan for the area which will have various land uses
- (g) No – the facilities continue to be the responsibility of, and remain in, the ownership of Argyle Diamonds, a Rio Tinto company.

