

CANNING BASIN — FRACGING

**857. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to Buru Energy Ltd.

- (1) How many exploration wells have been drilled by Buru in the Canning Basin?
- (2) What is the location of each of the wells?
- (3) What chemicals were used in the fracking process for each of the wells?
- (4) What other companies are carrying out exploration work in the Canning Basin, and are they intending to frac using specific chemicals?

**Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Seven exploration and six appraisal wells have been completed by Buru Energy in the Canning Basin.
- (2) The answer to this part of the question is in tabular form and I therefore seek leave to have the table incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted. [See paper 5268.]

The following material was incorporated —

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Well Name	Type	Longitude	Latitude
Asgard 1	Exploration	125 01 51.0 E	18 14 49.2 S
Nangu 1	Exploration	122 03 50.79 E	19 10 30.2 S
Fairwell 1	Exploration	124 18 58.20 E	17 32 38.69 S
Leander 1	Exploration	124 14 19.49 E	17 30 56.4 S
Paradise 1	Exploration	124 34 35.50 E	17 59 59.6 S
Pictor East 1	Exploration	123 43 33.3 E	18 46 14.3 S
Ungani 1	Exploration	123 09 50.79 E	17 59 25.59 S
Ungani 2	Appraisal	123 00 50.5 E	17 59 26.09 S
Ungani North 1	Appraisal	123 09 52.0 E	17 55 58.5 S
Valhalla 2	Appraisal	124 46 04.19 E	18 04 04.13 S
Valhalla North 1	Appraisal	124 43 47.1 E	18 01 32.80 S
Yulleroo 2	Appraisal	122 54 28.8 E	17 51 10.8 S
Yulleroo 3	Appraisal	122 53 20.59 E	17 50 59.39 S

- (3) Of the exploration wells listed, Yulleroo 2 is the only well to have undergone fracture stimulation. In relation to this well, I am prevented by legislation from revealing the chemicals used. However, once plans have been approved by the Department of Mines and Petroleum, Buru Energy provides the environmental plans for well operations on its website. These environmental plans detail chemicals used in fracture stimulation.
- (4) The following companies operate exploration permits in the Canning Basin with active exploration programs: Australia Zhongfu Oil Gas Resources Pty Ltd, Budside Pty Ltd, Buru Energy Ltd, Exceed Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd, Gujarat NRE Oil Ltd, Gulliver Productions Pty Ltd, Hess Australia (Canning) Pty Ltd, and New Standard Onshore Pty Ltd. To date, the Department of Mines and Petroleum has not received any applications for future fracture stimulation activities in the Canning Basin.

As an aside, last night's *Lateline* program on the ABC was absolutely outrageous. It talked about secret plans to industrialise the Kimberley. It was amazing stuff. For anybody who wants to see something which is a complete beat-up, I recommend they view last night's *Lateline*!