

MINES AND PETROLEUM — GEO-TECH DRILLING APPLICATIONS

1531. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) How many applications have been made to the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety for geo-tech drilling within the Shire of Collie between 1 January 2022 and 8 August 2023?
- (2) Who were the applicants?
- (3) For what specific purpose were the applications made?
- (4) Which of the applications in (1), were approved?
- (5) Which of the application in (1), were refused?
- (6) Which of the applications are yet to be processed?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (1) The Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety did not receive any applications under the *Mining Act 1978* between 1 January 2022 and 8 August 2023 for geotechnical drilling within the Shire of Collie.
- (2)–(6) Not applicable.