

MINES AND PETROLEUM — BURU ENERGY — YULLEROO GAS WELLS

3173. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to Buru Energy's gas wells Yulleroo 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the Kimberley region, and I ask:

- (a) Is the Minister aware of any leaks or potential leaks having occurred at any of these wells since 1 January 2012:
 - (i) if yes to (a), which well, or wells, have had leaks or potential leaks reported;
- (b) When did the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) first become aware of any leaks or potential leaks;
- (c) Who reported each leak or potential leak to the DMP and when;
- (d) What action did the DMP take when it became aware of any leaks or potential leaks;
- (e) Did the DMP investigate the leak or potential leak and, if not, why not;
- (f) If yes to (e), was there an incident report:
 - (i) If yes to (f), will the Minister table this document and, if not, why not; and
- (g) If yes to (e), was there an investigation report:
 - (i) If yes to (g), will the Minister table this document and, if not, why not?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

- (a) Yes
 - (i) Yulleroo 2
- (b)
 - 1. On 18 April 2013
 - 2. On 6 January 2015
- (c)
 - 1. Buru Energy on 18 April 2013
 - 2. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation on 6 January 2015
- (d)
 - 1. DMP corresponded with Buru to determine the cause of the leak and the action taken by Buru to rectify it.
 - 2. A DMP inspection was then conducted at the well site on 7 January 2015.
- (e)
 - 1. No, the leak was minor and intermittent in nature and Buru took immediate action to rectify it.
 - 2. Yes
- (f) No
 - (i) Not applicable
- (g)
 - 1. No
 - 2. Yes
- (i) No. At this time the investigation is ongoing and the report is not complete.