

MINING, EXPLORATION LICENCES, REQUIREMENTS

1796. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development

- (1) What are the requirements under the *Mining Act* to mark -
 - (a) an exploration license; and
 - (b) a mining lease, tenement boundary?
- (2) What are the requirements under the *Mining Act* for holders of an exploration license to notify landholders of a license application covering their land?
- (3) What permission is required for a holder of an exploration license to enter private property for the purpose of mineral exploring?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I am advised:

- (1)
 - (a) An exploration licence is not required to be marked out. Application is made by way of description on a graticular block basis.
 - (b) The marking out requirements for a mining lease are for a post to be placed at each corner with directional trenches or rows of stones extending for not less than 1 metre from the post. Where previously surveyed land is applied for, a single post in one corner only is required. A notice of marking out is required to be placed on a post, which then becomes the datum post.
- (2) Exploration licence applicants are required to notify the following land-holders dependant on the type of land affected:
 - (i) pastoral lease holders;
 - (ii) private landowners and occupiers, unless sub-surface rights (below 30 m from the natural surface) only are sought, in which case there is no requirement to notify the owner/occupier at the time of application.
- (3) The landowner and the occupier of private land is/are required to give written consent to the grant of an exploration licence where surface access rights are included in the title and to have reached agreement on compensation. These actions authorise access to the land to conduct mineral exploration.