

PREMIER COAL MINE, COLLIE

2130. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* and reporting requirements by Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal mine in Collie, and ask in the last six months:

- (a) has the mine complied with all water testing regulations;
- (b) if no to (a) , what breaches have occurred, date and nature of breach;
- (c) who is testing the water quality on behalf of Yancoal;
- (d) how much mine water is being released into the Collie River, quantity and frequency; and
- (e) what other tests on mine water are conducted before water is released?

Mr W.R. Marmion replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

There are no water reporting requirements by Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal mine in Collie under the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*.

There is a requirement to provide potable water supplies to employees under Regulation 7.18 of the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995 to which the following answers (a) –(c) refer.

- (a) Yes
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) ARL Laboratories Perth NATA Accreditation No. 2377 analyse the water samples and Promicro NATA Accreditation No. 2561 test for E.Coli and Naegleria Fowleri.
- (d)–(e) Mine water is not regulated under the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* or Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995.

This question should also be referred to the Ministers for Environment, Health and Water.