

MINING, EXPLORATION LICENCE EL70/1415

1795. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for State Development
- (1) What evidence is required to substantiate exploration activities carried out in exploration license tenements?
 - (2) Was exploration carried out within the area of exploration license EL70/1415?
 - (3) If yes, can the Minister detail the exploration carried out, eg. number of holes and depth of samples?
 - (4) Was any bulk sampling carried out within the area of EL70/1415?
 - (5) If so what quantities were involved in bulk sampling?
 - (6) How many landholders were affected by the exploration activities?
 - (7) Will the Minister table the Form 5 Report on Operations on Mining Tenement for E70/1415?
 - (8) If the Minister will not table the Form 5 Report on Operations on Mining Tenement for E70/1415, why not?
 - (9) What actions can be taken under the *Mining Act* if an exploration license is found to be in non-compliance?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I am advised:

- (1) The holder of an exploration licence is required to:
 - (i) file annually with the Department of Industry and Resources (DoIR) a Form 5 Operations Report – Expenditure on a Mining Tenement detailing all work done on, and money expended in connection with, exploration in the area comprised in the licence during the one year period to which the Form 5 reports relates; and
 - (ii) file a mineral exploration report recording the progress and results of programs of the geological sciences, drilling and mineral sampling at the end of the year of the licence term in which these activities are undertaken.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) According to Form 5 reports filed with DoIR in relation to Exploration Licence 70/1415, a total of 38 RC (i.e, reverse circulation) holes for 519.4 metres have to date been drilled, in addition to general prospecting activities that have been carried out, on the licence.
- (4)-(5) A sample of approximately 20 kilograms of material was removed.
- (6) Exploration activities were carried out on three properties.
- (7) Form 5 reports covering the period 23 January 1995 to 22 January 2004 are hereby tabled. [See paper No 2156.]
- (8) Not applicable.
- (9) When an exploration licence is liable for forfeiture by virtue of section 63A of the Mining Act 1978 the Minister for State Development may cause the licence to be forfeited or, as he thinks fit in the circumstances of a particular case, as an alternative to forfeiting the licence, he may:
 - (a) impose a penalty, not exceeding \$50,000, upon the holder of the licence;
 - (b) award the whole or any part of the amount of any such penalty to any person, other than an officer of the Department; or
 - (c) impose no penalty on the holder of the licence.