

PREMIER COAL — DUST MONITORING

2708. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to Collie's Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal mine and the required reporting methods used for dust monitoring, and ask, in the last six months:

- (a) what sample tests on air borne dust have been taken near the Premier mine site and what is the frequency of such tests;
- (b) what sample tests on air borne dust are taken near the Collie town site and what is the frequency of such tests;
- (c) have all dust samples been taken under recommended Australian guide lines; and
- (d) has dust sampling confirmed that dust from local coal mines has reached the Collie town site?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) Total Suspended Particulate (or dust) from the Premier Coal Limited mine at Collie requires continuous ambient monitoring from October to May annually. The next report is due to the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) by 30 September 2014.
- (b) Synergy provides DER with continuous monitoring information from Roche Park at Collie for concentrations of particulate (dust) size for less than ten (10) micrometres in diameter (PM10) at a monthly frequency.

DER has a similar PM10 monitor located in Wittenoom Street, Collie, reporting continuous hourly dust concentrations. These results are updated on DER's website every hour.
- (c) Yes, sampling methods meet Australian Standard 3580.9.8.2008.
- (d) No. The sampling method used cannot distinguish between types of particulates.

PREMIER COAL — MINE REHABILITATION

2709. Mr M.P. Murray to the Premier:

I refer to Collie's Yancoal Australia Group's Premier Coal mine and the required reporting methods for mine rehabilitation, and ask, in the last six months:

- (a) how many hectares of soil dumps have been revegetated under mine site rehabilitation;
- (b) what are the projected hectares of rehabilitated areas for:
 - (i) 2014;
 - (ii) 2015;
 - (iii) 2016;
 - (iv) 2017; and
 - (v) 2018;
- (c) is there a Western Australian State Government rehabilitation guideline that is applicable to Yancoal Australia's Premier mine, and:
 - (i) if yes, which guideline; and
 - (ii) if not, how is the rehabilitation of the mine site assessed and reviewed and by who; and
- (d) if applicable, how far behind is the company in its rehabilitation program?

Mr C.J. Barnett replied:

The Department of State Development advises —

- (a) Approximately 10.5 hectares has been prepared for rehabilitation.
- (b) (i) 24 hectares.
(ii)–(iv) Subject to future mine planning, Premier Coal anticipates rehabilitating between 10 to 20 hectares per annum from 2015 to 2018.
- (c) Yes
 - (i) Premier Coal, Environmental Management Plan, PCL-EMS-Plan-0001, June 2013.
 - (ii) Not applicable

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- (d) Of the 24 hectares planned for rehabilitation during 2014 Premier Coal has completed 10.5 hectares.