

MINISTERIAL OFFICES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — REVIEWS, INQUIRIES,
COMMITTEES AND TASKFORCES

126. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

In relation to all Agencies, including the Ministerial office, that fall under the Minister's responsibility, will the Minister provide information on the following, —

- (1) Since 23 September 2008, what, —
 - (a) reviews;
 - (b) inquiries;
 - (c) committees; and
 - (d) taskforces,have been established?
- (2) What was the start date and also the expected completion date for each, —
 - (a) review;
 - (b) inquiry;
 - (c) committee; and
 - (d) taskforce,
- (3) Who chairs each, —
 - (a) review;
 - (b) inquiry;
 - (c) committee; and
 - (d) taskforce,
- (4) What is the estimated budget for each, —
 - (a) review;
 - (b) inquiry;
 - (c) committee; and
 - (d) taskforce,

Hon NORMAN MOORE replied:

The ministerial office

- (1)
 - (a) Nil
 - (b) On the 23 December 2008, the Commonwealth and WA Governments announced that a jointly conducted inquiry would be undertaken into the effectiveness of safety regulation for upstream petroleum operations with a focus on the incident at Apache Energy Ltd's facilities on Varanus Island.
 - (c) Industry Working Group on Approvals
 - (d) Nil
- (2)
 - (a) Not applicable
 - (b) The inquiry will commence late January 2009 and a report is expected within 3 months of the commencement of the inquiry.
 - (c) The Industry Working Group on Approvals was formed via ministerial announcement on 17 November 2008 and completion is due end April 2009.
 - (d) Not applicable
- (3)
 - (a) Not applicable
 - (b) The inquiry will be conducted by a two-member expert panel i.e. David Agostini (State appointed) and Kym Bills (Commonwealth appointed)

- (c) Chairman — Hon Peter Jones AM, former Resources Minister in the Sir Charles Court Government (retired).
- (d) Not applicable
- (4) (a) Not applicable
- (b) Funding for the inquiry will be met by the Commonwealth Government and capped at \$1 million.
- (c) Funding for the Working Group is limited to secretariat support which will be provided by the Department of Mines and Petroleum. Total costs are estimated at \$100,000.
- (d) Not applicable.

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- (1) (a) — (d) None.
- (2) (a) — (d) N/A
- (3) (a) — (d) N/A
- (4) (a) — (d) N/A

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- (1) (a) — (d) None.
- (2) (a) — (d) N/A
- (3) (a) — (d) N/A
- (4) (a) — (d) N/A

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No review, inquiry, committee or taskforce has been established by or through the ChemCentre in the relevant time frame.