

GERALDTON PORT — ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

6169. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Commerce

I refer to photos located at <http://www.robinchapple.com/qdata> of an accident at Geraldton Port in late May “2012–05 Geraldton Port Accident.pdf”, and ask —

- (1) Was the accident investigated by WorkSafe?
- (2) If yes to (1), on what date did the accident occur?
- (3) If yes to (1), on what date did WorkSafe investigate the accident?
- (4) If no to (1), why not?
- (5) If yes to (3), was the plant and the EWP maintained in the position of the accident until WorkSafe attended the site?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?
- (7) What was the cause of the accident?
- (8) Was anyone injured in this accident?
- (9) Where any lives put at risk as a result of this accident?
- (10) If yes to (9), how many and what was the nature of the risk?
- (11) Who authorised the placement of this plant at this location?
- (12) Was a due diligence evaluation carried out on the operation of this plant at this location prior to the commencement of operations?
- (13) If yes to (12), who by?
- (14) If no to (12), why not?
- (15) Was the plant suitable for the task at that location?
- (16) If no to (15), why was it used?
- (17) Have any prosecutions or warnings been issued in respect of this accident?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) No.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.
- (4) WorkSafe was notified of the incident and it was identified that the activity related to a mining operation and therefore fell under the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and was a matter for the Department of Mines and Petroleum’s Resources Safety Division.
- (5)–(17) Not applicable.