

URANIUM — TRANSPORT OF PRODUCT TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA

3624. Hon Robin Chapple to the minister representing the Minister for Transport
- (1) Is it correct that BHP Billiton or a subsidiary corporation thereof has conducted a trial transportation of uranium product from Western Australia to South Australia?
 - (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) how many times has this been done and on what dates;
 - (b) what quantity of uranium was transported;
 - (c) what was the route taken by the shipment;
 - (d) did the shipment pass through Kalgoorlie or its environs;
 - (e) from where was the uranium sourced;
 - (f) what was the ultimate destination of the uranium; and
 - (g) was the uranium sold for export having been transported to South Australia?
 - (3) What regulations cover the transportation of uranium in Western Australia, and what are the reporting requirements for the Department of Transport under these regulations?
 - (4) What requirements are there with regards to consultation with stakeholders and communities along a shipment route where radioactive materials are involved?
 - (5) Will the Minister table all reports by his Department relating to any transportation of uranium in 2010–2011?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

All Dangerous Goods come under legislation handled by the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The Member is advised to refer this question to the relevant Minister.