

HARLEQUIN MINE

**331. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Robin Chapple who is away from Parliament on urgent parliamentary business, and which makes reference to question without notice 198 regarding the Harlequin mine and the new Sir Major decline.

- (1) At what time and date was the Department of Mines and Petroleum first advised of the fall of ground or fatality in the 203 east drive at the Sir Major decline?
- (2) How many notifications were there of the fall of ground or fatality in the 203 east drive at the Sir Major decline?
- (3) With all notifications, will the minister advise who made those notifications and in what chronological order they were made with the associated dates and times?
- (4) To which DMP offices were those notifications made?
- (5) If no to any of the above, why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The first notification of the event was made to the Department of Mines and Petroleum's district inspector of mines at 1245 hours on 15 February 2014. This call was not received at the time as the district inspector was travelling to Perth and out of mobile phone range.
- (2) There were three notifications on 15 February 2014. The first notification was the same as in the response to (1). The second notification of the event was received by the Department of Mines and Petroleum on-call regional inspector of mines via Worksafe and Police at 1625 hours on 15 February 2014. The third notification was via another mobile phone message notification of the event to the district inspector of mines at 1641 hours on 15 February 2014. It was not received as he was out of mobile phone range.
- (3) Notifications to the district inspector of mines were from Nigel Driscoll, mine foreman with Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd, and were made at 1245 hours and 1641 hours on 15 February 2014. Notification to the on-call regional inspector of mines was from Worksafe at 1625 hours on 15 February 2014.
- (4) Notification was to the district inspector of mines for the Kalgoorlie office and to the Perth-based on-call regional inspector of mines.
- (5) Not applicable.