

AREVA RESOURCES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD — NORTH CANNING PROJECT

**806. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to the exploration incentive scheme co-funded exploration drilling round 9, 2014–15 and the funding provided to Areva Resources Australia Pty Ltd for the North Canning project and the article in *The West Australian* headed “Areva quits NW nuke project” dated 11 August 2014.

- (1) What was the funding amount?
- (2) Was the funding utilised?
- (3) If no to (2), was the funding returned?
- (4) If yes to (2), will Areva refund the moneys acquired?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Department of Mines and Petroleum, I advise —

- (1) Areva was eligible to receive co-funding for two drilling projects totalling \$280 000. The drilling subsidy from government is paid as reimbursement after a company undertakes drilling and submits driller invoices to the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
- (2) No; Areva has not drilled either project.
- (3) Funding has not been provided; see the answer to part (1).
- (4)–(5) Not applicable.