

BURU ENERGY — YULLEROO 3 AND 4 WELLS

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

I refer to question on notice 760, asked in the Legislative Council on 20 February 2014.

- (1) Was the answer to question (a) incorrect, given that all ponds had overtopped in the week preceding, when the photos were taken, and the ponds had been drained as per the answer to question (e), and that it had rained consistently up until the time the photos were taken?
- (2) Given that the answer to question (c) indicates that it was not permissible for the fluid to have escaped from the lined dam, will the minister table the conditions that prescribe this, and indicate what action the minister will take against Buru Energy Ltd for having failed to comply with this requirement?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) With respect to (2), was Buru prosecuted or issued an infringement notice for this breach?
- (5) If yes to any part of (4), will the minister table either the prosecution or the infringement notice?
- (6) If no to any part of either (4) or (5), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Department of Mines and Petroleum has provided the following advice.

- (1) No.
- (2) Commitments within environment plans are confidential under the provisions of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967. There was no action taken against Buru for the April 2013 incident, due to this incident being considered insignificant and causing no environmental damage.
- (3)–(4) See answer to (2).
- (5)–(6) Not applicable.