

SEISMIC SURVEY — WEST KIMBERLEY

1284. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

Regarding an email from my office to the Ministerial Liaison Officer for the Minister for Mines and Petroleum on 15 May 2014, seeking a briefing about the seismic survey planned for the West Kimberley from Port Hedland to just east of Derby, I ask why did the Minister refuse to provide the briefing I sought?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum advises:

The survey referred to in the question was undertaken along road verges starting on the Great Northern Highway around 25 km east of the Pardoo Roadhouse and finishing on the Gibb River Road around 135 km east of Derby, a total distance of about 700 km.

As this and all other relevant information about the survey was publically available on the Department of Mines and Petroleum's website, the Minister declined to provide the Honourable Member with a verbal briefing but instead provided a written briefing via email.

The results of the survey will be made publically available via the Department's website once processing and interpretation of the data is complete.