

HUTT LAGOON SITE — CHEMICAL SPILL

740. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Commerce:

I refer to a chemical spill at BASP's Hutt Lagoon site at Yallabatharra in the shire of Northampton on Tuesday, 10 December 2013 as reported by AAP, and I ask:

- (a) what was the nature of the chemical spill;
- (b) what was the quantity of the chemical spill;
- (c) who is the owner of the facility;
- (d) who is the owner on the land on which the facility sits;
- (e) what lease arrangements are in place for the facility;
- (f) who is responsible for the environmental rehabilitation of the area at the end of the life of the project;
- (g) where is the spill site in relation to Camping and Water Reserve CR 15126 held by the Shire of Northampton;
- (h) was the leak contained within the site:
  - (i) if yes to (g), how; and
  - (ii) if no to (g), why not;
- (i) did all or some of the chemical permeate the ground:
  - (i) if yes to (h), what quantify;
  - (ii) if no to (h), why not; and
  - (iii) if yes to (h), was the contaminated soil removed:
    - (A) if yes to (h)(iii), what process was used to remove the contaminated soil; and
    - (B) if no to (h)(iii), why not;
- (j) were all staff evacuated from the BASF Beta Carotene site:
  - (i) if yes to (i), for how long; and
  - (ii) if yes to (i), under what condition did staff or other personal re-enter the site;
- (k) what was the cause of the chemical spill;
- (l) was the Department for Emergency Services notified of the spill;
- (m) has Worksafe carried out an investigation into the incident:
  - (i) if yes to (k), has the investigation been completed;
  - (ii) if yes to (l)(i), will the Minister table the report;
  - (iii) if no to (l), why not; and
  - (iv) if no to (l)(ii), why not; and
- (n) were any roads closed adjacent to the spill site:
  - (i) if yes to (n), please provide details, including who requested the respective road closure, who ordered it and the duration of closure?

**Hon Michael Mischin replied:**

(a,b,c,f,h,i,j & k) To be responded to by the Minister for Environment, and Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

(d,e & g) To be responded to by the Minister for Environment, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, and Minister for Lands.

(l) To be responded to by the Minister for Emergency Services.

(m) Yes .

(i) Yes.

(ii)–(iv) A report was not completed. However, the WorkSafe information system records activities by the inspector involved with the investigation. A copy of the relevant documents is tabled. Consistent with practices under the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, private information has been deleted from the tabled documents. [See paper 1310.]

(n) To be responded to by the Minister for Police and Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**