

MINE COLLAPSE — MAGGIE HAYS MINE

1003. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the article in *The Weekend Australian*, “Legacy warning in mine collapse”, featured on page 7 on 23 November 2013, and the Maggie Hays mine.

- (1) What is the status of MC63/2941, and who was the owner?
- (2) What is the status of M63/163, and who is the owner?
- (3) Who is fiscally responsible for the collapsed pit and why?
- (4) Is a bond still retained by the Department of Mines and Petroleum from the company whose operation led to the collapse of the pillar?
- (5) If yes to (4), will those funds be mobilised to ameliorate the impacts of this collapse?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises —

- (1) The tenement no longer exists as it was surrendered on 18 July 1982 by the tenement holder, Amoco Minerals Australia Ltd.
- (2) The status is live, and the tenement holder is Norilsk Nickel.
- (3) Norilsk Nickel, because it is the tenement holder.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Yes, if required.