

UNCONVENTIONAL GAS — MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM — COMMENTS

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

I refer to an interview on the ABC Radio National *Breakfast* program on 31 July 2014 regarding fracking for unconventional gas—tight gas, shale gas and coal seam gas—in the Canning Basin, in which the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Mr Marmion, said, “A lot of mischievous comments are being made by people who don’t like renewable energy, but I have to say gas is a very clean fuel.”

- (1) Does the minister stand by his comments that unconventional gas is a renewable form of energy?
- (2) If the answer is yes, could the minister please explain how this is the case; and, if the answer is no, what is his position regarding the relationship between unconventional gas and renewable energy?
- (3) In this context, can the minister point to a single mischievous comment made by people who do not like renewable energy?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

The Minister for Mines and Petroleum advises that there is no such thing as unconventional gas in Western Australia.

- (1)–(3) Not applicable.