

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM — ACCOMMODATION COSTS

1286. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

Regarding page 515 of the *2014–15 Budget Papers 2, Volume 2*, I ask:

- (a) would the Minister please explain why the department's 2013–14 accommodation costs are estimated to be 14 per cent over the amount budgeted for 2013–14;
- (b) would the Minister please explain why the department's 2014–15 accommodation costs are budgeted to be a further 20 per cent above the 2013–14 estimated actuals; and
- (c) would the Minister please explain why the department's 2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18 accommodation costs are budgeted to be a further 44 per cent, 46 per cent and 48 per cent respectively above the 2013–14 estimated actuals?

**Hon Ken Baston replied:**

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

- (a)–(c) To meet increased leasing costs related to DMP's Resources Safety Division relocation to East Perth.