

GASCOYNE TRADERS SITE — CARNARVON

170. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to question without notice 563 asked on 18 August 2010 about the Gascoyne Traders site in Carnarvon.

- (1) Has the mandatory auditor's report been finalised; and, if yes, when was it finalised?
- (2) Has the Department of Environment and Conservation received the report; and, if yes, when did it receive it?
- (3) Has DEC undertaken an assessment of the report?
- (4) Has the site been cleared of any adverse environmental issues?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes, in August 2010.
- (2) Yes, on 17 August 2010.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) After consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of Environment and Conservation classified the site as remediated for restricted use under the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 on 3 September 2010. The site is suitable for its proposed use as a justice complex, with courthouse and holding cells, provided the building is designed to prevent vapour intrusion, groundwater is not used, and groundwater monitoring continues for a period of two years to confirm that groundwater contamination levels continue to decline.

I table the basic summary of records for the site, which is publicly available from the contaminated sites database at www.dec.wa.gov.au/contaminatedsites.

[See paper 3135.]

[Emergency evacuation alarm sounded.]

Sitting suspended from 4.55 to 5.10 pm

The PRESIDENT: Members, thank you for your cooperation. I believe we were coming to the end of question time, with about four minutes left of the anticipated half an hour. The question was from Hon Lynn MacLaren.