

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING SURVEY — KIMBERLEY

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

With regard to a recent survey on hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in the Kimberley region, I ask:

- (a) who commissioned the survey on fracking in the Kimberley;
- (b) who is undertaking the survey;
- (c) what is the cost of the survey and who is liable to pay;
- (d) why is the survey being done;
- (e) what methodology is being used;
- (f) what have been the results of the survey to date;
- (g) who have the results been provided to and/or who will have access to them in the future;
- (h) were any organisation or individuals outside Government consulted about the survey;
- (i) if yes to (h), please provide the names of the organisations or individuals;
- (j) will the Minister please table the reports and results emanating from the survey when finalised; and
- (k) if no to (j), why not?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

- (a) I assume the Member is referring to a survey commissioned by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) in June 2013 on community perceptions and attitudes on the emerging shale and tight gas industry in Western Australia.
- (b) Research Solutions undertook the survey in August 2013 and finalised its report to DMP in September 2013.
- (c) The cost of the survey was \$51,119.09 and the cost was met by DMP.
- (d) The survey was undertaken to assess:
 - community awareness and understanding;
 - degree to which the public feel informed about the issue and how they would prefer to be better informed; and
 - community views, issues and concerns.This baseline data will assist government and DMP in particular in further developing and implementing its community engagement strategy.
- (e) Research Solutions used a telephone questionnaire to survey a Western Australia-wide sample consisting of 402 respondents. This was followed by a telephone survey of communities in potential exploration areas consisting of 200 respondents in each area (Perth North Basin, South Carnarvon Basin and Canning Basin).
- (f) I refer the Member to the survey report.
- (g) The survey results have been provided to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, DMP staff, the Shale and Tight Gas Inter-agency Working Group and industry representatives.
- (h) No
- (i) Not applicable
- (j) Yes [See paper 1159.]
- (k) Not applicable.