

MINES AND PETROLEUM — EXISTING BONDS — MINING OPERATIONS

1279. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to part (r) of the answer to question on notice 3290 asked in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 11 August and appearing in *Hansard* on Tuesday, 15 September.

- (1) Does the Department of Mines and Petroleum have the power to restrict or refuse mining rights to individuals or company structures based on previous poor performance?
- (2) If so, why is it then a matter for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and not the Department of Mines and Petroleum?
- (3) Are any of the directors of Kimberley Diamond Ltd currently involved, either directly or indirectly, in other mining projects in Western Australia?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Mining Act 1978 does not require companies to disclose the names of their directors. The involvement of the directors of Kimberley Diamonds Ltd, either directly or indirectly, in other projects in Western Australia is therefore not known.