

MINING — QUESTION ON NOTICE 2516 OF 2010

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

With regard to question on notice No. 2516 asked in the Legislative Council on 17 June 2010, and specifically to the answers to parts (1) to (18) of this question, I ask:

- (a) in accordance with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, did the Minister write to the Auditor General advising of his refusal to answer the question and stating his reasons why;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister table a copy of this and of subsequent communication; and
- (d) if no to (c), why not?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

- (a)–(e) I note that question on notice 2516 was answered on 10 August by the then Minister for Mines and Petroleum. As incoming Minister for Mines and Petroleum I am unable to advise if the former Minister considered section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* (FMA) as applicable to his response.