

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT — MINING PROJECTS

1845. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and ask:

- (a) while reducing the number of levels of OEPA assessment from five to two, has the number of permits required to open a mine increased;
- (b) is the Minister considering a requirement for works approvals and licences for mining and petroleum activities to be incorporated into the mining and petroleum approvals processes; and
- (c) if not why not?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (a) I am not in a position to answer whether the number of permits to open a mine has increased or decreased. This is a question better directed to the Minister for Mines.
- (b) No
- (c) Works approvals and licences for emissions relating to mining and petroleum activities are already regulated under Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986.