

MINING — QUESTION ON NOTICE 2516 OF 2010

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

With regard 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) is it the case that between 10 August 2010 and 12 October 2010 the Minister referred to the answer as being an acceptable response to 37 separate parliamentary questions on notice that had been raised by me;
- (b) if no to (a), what is specifically ‘acceptable’ in relation to this matter;
- (c) is the answer referred to above acceptable under section 37 of the *Auditor General Act 2006*;
- (d) if yes to (c), why; and
- (e) 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 37 of the Auditor General Act 2006 as applicable to his response to question on notice 2516.