

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND PETROLEUM — ROAD CONVOY

2214. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the movement of a convoy of trucks, mobile camp equipment and road trains from the intersection of an unsealed road about 90km north-east of Broome and the Great Northern Highway, travelling west towards Broome and then south towards Port Hedland at around 7pm on 16 November 2014, and I ask:

- (a) were the Western Australia Police and Department of Mines and Petroleum advised of the movement:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) did the Western Australia Police or any private company escort the convoy:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not;
- (c) were the Western Australia Police advised that a road train in the convoy would be travelling without headlights:
 - (i) if no to (c), why not; and
- (d) were the Western Australia Police advised by a member of the public that a road train in the convoy was travelling without headlights:
 - (i) if yes to (d), what action was taken by the police; and
 - (ii) if yes to (d) and no action was taken, why was no action taken?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

- (a) DMP — No
 - (i) There is no requirement for operators to notify DMP of such vehicle movements.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable