

BURU ENERGY — YULLEROO 3 AND 4 WELLS

**312. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Water:**

I refer to question on notice 760 asked in the Legislative Council on 20 February 2014.

- (1) What role does the Department of Water have in relation to events and breaches described in this question and answer?
- (2) If the answer to (1) is none, why not?
- (3) Was the DOW made aware of the breaches in 2013 and 2014; and, if so, by whom and on what dates?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) What action will the DOW take to ensure that wastewater, drill cuttings, drill fluid and cement from these ponds do not contaminate any standing water in the region?
- (6) Has Buru Energy Ltd breached any standards, licences, conditions or requirements of the DOW?
- (7) If yes to (6), what action will the minister or his department take against Buru on these matters?
- (8) If yes to (6) but no to (7), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) None.
- (2) Oil and gas exploration and production is regulated by the Department of Mines and Petroleum under the Petroleum and Geothermal and Energy Resources Act 1967. Environmental pollution is regulated by the Department of Environment Regulation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986.
- (3) No.
- (4) See response to (2).
- (5) None. Monitoring for the purposes of detection of contaminates and drilling fluids around drill sites is regulated by the Department of Mines and Petroleum.
- (6) No.
- (7)–(8) Not applicable.