

BURU ENERGY — YULLEROO 3 AND 4 WELLS

177. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the Buru Energy Ltd Yulleroo 3 and Yulleroo 4 wells.

- (1) Is the minister aware of any reports or information pertaining to natural seismic activity in the vicinity of Yulleroo 3 and 4 wells?
- (2) Has Buru provided environmental management plans for Yulleroo 3 and 4 wells to the Department of Mines and Petroleum?
- (3) If yes to (2), has the minister approved these management plans; and, if not, when does the minister expect they will be approved?
- (4) If yes to (2), will the minister table the environmental management plans; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises —

- (1) Natural seismic activity has occurred in the vicinity of Yulleroo 3 and 4 wells.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Environment plans for the drilling of Yulleroo 3 and Yulleroo 4 were approved in 2012. Buru's environment plan for hydraulically fracturing both wells is not yet approved. DMP has requested further information from Buru Energy and is awaiting its response.
- (4) The environment plans for Yulleroo 3 and Yulleroo 4 are available on Buru Energy's website. The environment plan for hydraulically fracturing these wells is not yet approved. However, the EPA referral application for this proposal is available on Buru's website.