

ROY HILL PROJECT — WORKFORCE INJURIES

86. Hon KATE DOUST to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to workplace safety surrounding the Roy Hill project and the reported injuries that occurred yesterday at Roy Hill's Port Hedland wharf.

- (1) What Department of Mines and Petroleum safety notices are currently in place on the site?
- (2) What Department of Mines and Petroleum investigations are currently being undertaken at the Roy Hill site?
- (3) Have the Department of Mines and Petroleum safety inspectors completed the audit of the management systems for high-risk activities; and, if yes, what were the outcomes of the audit?
- (4) If no to (3), when will the audit be completed?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

On behalf of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, the Department of Mines and Petroleum advises —

- (1) It should be noted that the incident and subsequent injuries that occurred yesterday are not under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The incident is currently being investigated by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. The Roy Hill project spans several jurisdictions, including WorkSafe, the Rail Safety Authority and the Department of Mines and Petroleum. The following responses refer to the area of the Roy Hill project that is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mines and Petroleum. There are currently four open improvement notices in place on the site for, firstly, the management systems for training and verification of competencies; secondly, the inadequate lift studies involving cranes; thirdly, investigation of an incident relating to a crane hook equalising block; and, fourthly, modifications found on a particular mobile crane.
- (2) The Department of Mines and Petroleum is currently following up and investigating 11 incidents as per the department's investigation procedures, which include the explosion of a tyre during inflation; damage to a crane boom found during a DMP inspection; the interaction of an elevated work platform with a structural column; crane boom damage during maintenance activities; interaction between a pedestrian and a semi-trailer; crane damage incurred during testing; rope damage to a mobile crane; failure of a crane rope during lifting; a crane wire rope breaking when a boom was lowered; a crane wire rope frayed and found at a pre-start inspection; and a light vehicle rollover.
- (3) Inspectors undertook a review of systems, classified plant—cranes and lifting equipment—training and competency for cranes used on site. Four improvement notices were issued as a result of those activities. Inspectors are working with Roy Hill personnel to close out all identified issues.
- (4) All defects were recorded in the mines record book and necessary actions were included in improvement notices with varying dates for completion. The last notice to be closed out is due on 27 February 2015.