

M-I AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

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

I refer to activities being carried out by M-I Australia Pty Ltd at two locations in Broome, those being at lot 30, number 6 De Castilla Street and at lot 3 Port Drive.

- (1) Is the minister aware that the company has for some months been operating without environmental approvals and licences?
- (2) Has the Department of Environment Regulation advised the Department of Health, Broome Shire Council, Broome Port Authority, Yawuru Park Council and Roebuck Bay Working Group of M-I Australia's unlicensed activities, and that these have the potential to cause harm to the environment and human health?
- (3) Will the minister order an investigation into the operations of M-I Australia Pty Ltd in Broome including, but not limited to, their waste management processes?
- (4) Has DER investigated the drainage and containment measures at both of M-I Australia's Broome operational sites to ensure that environmental objectives for inland water quality, including that contained in aquifers, is being maintained?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises that this question should be referred to the Minister for Environment, as the Department of Environment Regulation has responsibility for these activities.