

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY STUDY — COLLIE BASIN

3175. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the geothermal energy exploration undertaken by BHP, Worsley and Greenrock Energy in the Collie Basin area under the relevant permits between 2009 and 2011. It was stated by Greenrock Energy that an independent study was commissioned on the potential markets for geothermal energy in the Collie region. The study was undertaken by the engineering firm Sinclair Knight Metz and intended to be completed by the end of April 2011, and I ask:

- (a) did the Department for Mines and Petroleum obtain a copy of this study;
- (b) if yes to (a), will the Minister table the report; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) advises:

- (a) No
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) The report mentioned, was not part of the exploration work commitment for Geothermal Exploration Permit 12 (GEP 12) and therefore there was no requirement for the permit holder to submit it to DMP.