

BURU ENERGY — YULLEROO 2 WELL

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

I refer to the Buru Energy Ltd Yulleroo 2 well that was fracked in 2010.

- (1) What is the current status of this well?
- (2) Does the well intercept any geological faults?
- (3) If yes to (2), when were these faults identified and by whom?
- (4) If yes to (2), is the fault naturally occurring or did it form as a result of drilling or fracking?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The status of the Yulleroo 2 well is suspended.
- (2) Yes; the well appears to intersect at least one fault at depth.
- (3) The fault appears to have been identified on the Yulleroo 3D seismic survey carried out in 2011. The fault is also interpreted to occur within Yulleroo 2, which was drilled in 2008. This information has been provided by Buru Energy and so it is assumed that the fault was recognised by geologists from Buru Energy.
- (4) The fault was observed on seismic reflection data prior to both drilling in 2008 and fracking in 2010. It can be stated with confidence that the fault did not form as a result of fracking.