

WOODADA GAS FIELD, ENEABBA — AWE PERTH PTY LTD

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

Thank you, Mr President —

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Do not start yet until everybody is ready.

Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE: I refer to production licence L6358/1995/11 issued to AWE Perth Pty Ltd in December 2013 for works to be conducted on the Woodada gas field, Eneabba.

- (1) Is fracking of the wells consistent with this licence?
- (2) Has fracking been carried out under this or any other licence?
- (3) If yes to (2), when and where was it carried out?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum. The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises as follows —

- (1) Licence L6358/1995/11 is issued by the Department of Environment Regulation under the Environmental Protection Act 1986. The Department of Environment Regulation does not licence petroleum well operational activities, including hydraulic fracture stimulation. Any petroleum well activity, including hydraulic fracture stimulation, is subject to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 and associated regulations and schedules.
- (2) The member's question is very broad and it is unclear what specific information is being requested. Petroleum well activities in the Woodada gas field, including hydraulic fracture stimulation, have occurred in the PGERA petroleum production licensed areas.
- (3) Due to the broad nature of the question, DMP is unable to identify or provide the requested information. As the member has previously been advised, information regarding petroleum activities is available to the public through the Western Australian petroleum information management system on the Department of Mines and Petroleum website. If the member requires further assistance in accessing this system, he is welcome to contact the office of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.