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**No. 84**

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2361. Hon Sally Talbot to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Water

- (1) For the following years what was/has been budgeted by the Water Corporation for rural drainage in, -
  - (a) 2008 - 2009;
  - (b) 2009 - 2010; and
  - (c) 2010 - 2011?
- (2) In which areas was/will this money be spent, for the following years, -
  - (a) 2008 - 2009; and
  - (b) 2009 - 2010?
- (3) Can the Minister advise if the Water Corporation has implemented any of the recommendations, concerning drainage reform for rural drainage systems which stemmed from the water quality improvement plan for the rivers and estuary of the Peel-Harvey system?

2362. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) operations, commonly known as 'the superpit' in the Kalgoorlie Boulder region, with management from Russell Cole, Dale Oram, Willie Leslie and Mick Harvey, and ask -

- (1) Was it reported, both to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and on the company's internal record keeping system that, within the previous three weeks at the above mentioned operations members of the blast crew were instructed by management to work approximately 150 - 200 metres from a blast, that was initiated in the pit, which caused the blast crew to dodge some fly rock reported to be half the size of a basketball?
- (2) If no to (1), will the Minister urgently require an investigation into this matter, and will he state the specific findings of that investigation?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Does the Minister and DMP inspectorate consider that incident referred to in question (1), above is extremely serious?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Will the Registered Manager, or any other person at KCGM, be prosecuted for this incident referred to in (1), above?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?



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- (8) Has it been recorded, both by the DMP, and on the company's internal reporting system, that there has been an increase in incidents concerning fly rock at the above mentioned operations in the previous 24 months?
- (9) Will the Minister table the total number of incidents, including such near miss incidents that have been reported both by the DMP, and on the company's internal reporting system in the last 36 months for the above referred to mining operation?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Can the Minister state how many improvement, provisional improvement and prohibition notices have been issued by DMP inspectors for the last three years at the above operation?
- (12) If no to (11), why not?
- (13) If yes to (11), can the Minister quote the specific text as to why each notice was issued?
- (14) Does the Minister and the DMP inspectorate regard any size fly rock, impacting on the workers or members of the public, as a extremely serious matter?
- (15) If yes to (14), why?

2363. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Higginsville Mine, operated by Higginsville Mining Pty Ltd, and ask -

- (1) Has it been reported to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), that there are certain parts of the mill in such state of disrepair that, each time the inspectors from the DMP arrive, they shut that part of the mill down for fear of reprisals concerning dust and noise?
- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister direct the DMP to carry out an investigation into this matter?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Does the Minister or any employee of the DMP, support and encourage bullying, victimisation and intimidation of the employees of the company by anybody in management at the Higginsville mine?
- (5) Can the Minister state how many improvement, provisional improvement and prohibition notices have been placed on the above mentioned mine in the last three years?
- (6) If yes to (5), can the Minister quote the specific text as to why each was issued?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?

2364. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) operations owned by Barrick Gold and Newmont Australia commonly known as 'the superpit', in the Kalgoorlie Boulder region, with management from Russell Cole, Dale Oram, Willie Leslie and Mick Harvey, and ask -

- (1) Was it reported in the last four months, both to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and on the company's internal reporting system, that there was a near miss between a

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haul pack operator and an explosives truck and a near miss between that same operator and another haul pack operator, who initiated a 40 metre skid under full brake, on the same day?

- (2) If yes to (1), will the Minister require an urgent investigation into the matter?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Is it true that operators at the abovementioned operations are required to work on average seven hours before having a break, and on regular occasions 10 hours before having a break?
- (5) If yes to (4), does this concern the DMP inspectorate for any issues?
- (6) Is it true that some operators at the abovementioned operations are required to work on average 20-30 minutes extra, effectively extending the length of their shift worked to 12.5 hours?
- (7) If yes to (6), does this concern the DMP inspectorate for any issues?
- (8) Will the Minister state the specifics of the fatigue management plan employed and implemented at the abovementioned operations?
- (9) If no to (8), why not?
- (10) Will the Minister require an urgent investigation into fatigue management at the abovementioned operations?
- (11) If no to (10), why not?
- (12) Will the Minister state what actions have been taken on behalf of the DMP, to assist the abovementioned operations, to identify and implement an effective fatigue management plan?
- (13) Will the registered manager, or any other person at KCGM, be prosecuted for this incident referred to in (1), above?
- (14) If no to (13), why not?

2365. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the KCGM operations commonly known as 'the superpit' in the Kalgoorlie Boulder region, with management from Russell Cole, Dale Oram, Willie Leslie and Mick Harvey, and ask -

- (1) Is it true that haul pack operators at the abovementioned operations are forced to operate trucks, with seats that are not maintained to the correct standards of operation required, resulting in numerous injuries including, but not limited to, back, neck and shoulder injuries?
- (2) Is it true that haul pack operators at the abovementioned operations, are forced to operate trucks on the pit floor, and the waste dump with roads poorly maintained resulting in numerous injuries including, but not limited to, back, neck and shoulder injuries?
- (3) Will the Minister state how many incidents have been recorded, both with the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), and the company's internal reporting systems, concerning inadequately maintained seats as well as poorly maintained roads within the operations resulting in injury in the previous 24 months?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

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- (5) Will the Minister state which sections of the *Mines Safety and Inspections Act 1994 and Regulations 1995* would apply, and therefore would have been breached in these incidents?
- (6) Will the Minister state the maximum penalty that would apply in relation to these breaches?
- (7) Will the Registered Manager, or any other person at KCGM, be prosecuted for these breaches?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?

2366. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the operations known as Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM), Barrick Raleigh and Barrick Kanowna respectively in the Kalgoorlie-Boulder region, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister state whether or not the above mentioned operations have as a record an accident report book as required by section 77, of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister state the specific requirements of section 77, of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* in regards to the accident report book?
- (4) If the above mentioned operations respectively have an accident report book, does each book comply with the specific requirements of section 77, of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*?
- (5) Will the Minister state, what is the penalty for non compliance of section 77, of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*?
- (6) Will the registered manager, or any other person, of the above mentioned operations be prosecuted for failure to comply with section 77, of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

2367. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Bullen Mine operated by Norseman Gold with Barry Cahill, Mike Read, Corey Doust and Geoff Woolsten in management, and ask -

- (1) Was it reported to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), that within the last eight weeks a large rock, believed to be as large as 40kg in weight, fell from the backs of a diamond drill area in the Bullen Mine, and landed at the area directly in front of the seat used by the diamond driller?
- (2) If no to (1), will the Minister direct the DMP to urgently carry out an investigation into this matter?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Does the DMP inspectorate clearly understand the importance of the incident referred to in (1), above in terms of preventing accidents and eliminating fatalities?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

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- (6) Will the Minister quote the specific section of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and the Regulations 1995* which attracts a penalty for this matter, if it was not reported to the DMP?
- (7) Will the Minister state, what is the maximum penalty applicable for such breaches?
- (8) Will the registered manager, or any other person at Norseman Gold, be prosecuted for such breaches if they have occurred?
- (9) If no to (8) why not?

2368. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Bellaisle mine at St Ives, owned by Goldfields, and operated by the contract company GBF, and ask -

- (1) Has it been reported to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP), that within the last eight weeks a shot was fired in the underground mine at Bellaisle with the effect of causing uncured pastefill to run out of the stope and into the decline to the point whereas a concrete fill to the approximate cost of \$35 000 was necessary to stop the pastefill from continuing to run into the decline?
- (2) If no to (1), will the Minister direct the DMP to carry out an urgent investigation into this matter?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) Does the Minister and DMP inspectorate regard the incident referred in (1), above as extremely serious?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), why?
- (7) Have any breaches or non compliance issues of the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and Regulations 95* been breached in relation to the incident referred to in (1), above?
- (8) Will the Minister state, what is the maximum penalty applicable for such breaches?
- (9) Will the registered manager, or any other person at GBF or Goldfields mine, be prosecuted for the incident referred to in (1), above?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?

2369. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Kalgoorlie Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd (KCGM) operations owned by Barrick Gold and Newmont Australia commonly known as 'the superpit' in the Kalgoorlie Boulder region with management from Russell Cole, Dale Oram, Willie Leslie and Mick Harvey, and ask -

- (1) In the last 24 months is it true that operators at the abovementioned have been operating in situations whereas there is lightening in the immediate vicinity and the operators still operate near a loaded shot with explosives in the pit?

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- (2) If yes to (1), can the Minister state why this is tolerated by the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) inspectorate?
- (3) If no to (1), what is specifically correct in relation to these matters?
- (4) Is it true that operators at the abovementioned operations, are forced to operate in situations where there is lightening in the immediate vicinity, and the operators still operate on the tip head on the waste dump and the rom pads, including in trucks and in track machines, for example, excavators and dozers?
- (5) If yes to (4), can the Minister state why this is tolerated by the DMP inspectorate?
- (6) If no to (4), what is specifically correct in relation to these matters?
- (7) Will the Minister state how many incidents have been recorded, both with the DMP and the company's internal reporting systems, concerning operators working in and around loaded shots with explosives and on tip heads during lightening storms in the last 24 months?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Will the Minister state how many complaints have been received, and investigated, by the DMP concerning operators working in and around loaded shots, and on tip heads during lightening storms in the last 24 months at all operations within Western Australia?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Will the Minister quote and state which sections of the *Mines Safety and Inspections Act 1994 and Regulations 1995* prohibit the type of incidents referred to in (1), and (4), above?
- (12) If no to (11), why not?

2370. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Kanowna Belle Operations owned and operated by Barrick Kanowna with management from Evan Spencer, Callum Winn, Justin De Meillon and Ashley Tidey, and ask -

- (1) Can the Minister quote and state the conditions imposed on the above mentioned operations in relation to allowing the Caterpillar 775 trucks to operate in the underground mine?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Was it reported to the Department and Mines and Petroleum (DMP), that there were three incidents involving both heavy vehicles and light vehicles, in the above mentioned operations within a 72 hour period of each other on or around 28 January 2010?
- (4) If yes to (3), was it documented that the explosive vehicle involved in the incident with the 775 truck on the 28 January 2010 was carrying explosives, and that the appropriate signage was showing and the blue light in operation signifying that it was carrying explosives?
- (5) Will the registered mine manager, or any other person at Barrick Kanowna, be prosecuted for the incidents referred to in (3), above?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

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2371. Hon Jon Ford to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the Kanowna Belle Operations owned and operated by Barrick Kanowna, with management from Evan Spencer, Callum Winn, Justin De Meillon and Ashley Tidey, and ask -

- (1) Will the Minister state how many incidents have been reported, both to the Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) and on the company's internal reporting system respectively, in the last 12 months concerning excessive dust levels in the decline of the above mentioned operations?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister state how many incidents have been reported, both to the DMP and on the company's internal reporting system respectively, in the last 12 months concerning slipperiness in the decline at the above mentioned operation?
- (4) Will the Minister require an immediate investigation concerning excessive dust and slipperiness of the decline of the above mentioned operations?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) Will the Minister state the importance relating to the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and the Mines Safety and Inspection Regulations 1995* of excessive dust in the main decline of an underground mine?
- (7) Will the Minister state how many incidents in relation to light vehicles and heavy vehicles colliding with the walls have been reported as incidents at the above mentioned operations, both to the DMP, and on the internal reporting system respectively, in the last 12 months?
- (8) If no to (7), why not?
- (9) Will the Minister state what has been done on behalf of the DMP to assist the above mentioned operations in controlling the condition of the decline in relation to the dust and the slipperiness?
- (10) If no to (9), why not?
- (11) Is it true that within the month of April 2010, the above mentioned operations used a dust suppressant on the main decline in the underground operations, and then had to close that operation because the dust suppressant was found to be carcinogenic?
- (12) If yes to (11), -
  - (a) was this incident reported to the DMP; and
  - (b) how was it investigated?

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