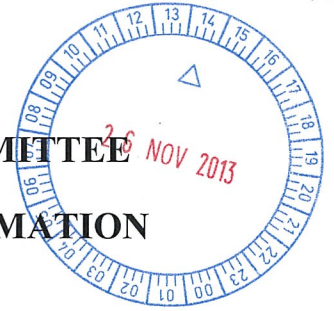


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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
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Wednesday, 6 November 2013

Office of the Environmental Protection Authority

Question No. B1: Hon P Katsambanis asked "In 2010-11, only 58% of audited project complied with all conditions, yet by 2012-13 we had got up to 84%. What has led to that increase in compliance?"

Answer: -

It is the responsibility of the proponent under section 47 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* to ensure the proposal is carried out in accordance with the implementation conditions of the Ministerial approval.

The General Manager of the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for monitoring the implementation of proposals and determining whether the implementation conditions have been complied with under section 48 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority takes a proactive approach to compliance monitoring through a structured annual Compliance Management Program. The program sets out the number of audits to be undertaken and using a priority matrix identifies the Ministerial Statements to be audited.

The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority regularly liaises with proponents to improve the level of compliance.

This KPI has only been reported since 2009-10, the year that the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority was formed. The percentage of projects complying with all conditions was 84% in 2009-10, 87% in 2011-12 and 84% in 2012-13, against a target of 80%. The lower percentage of proposals complying with all environmental condition in 2010-11, 58%, appears to relate to a number of matters including a change in the methodology and the use of a priority matrix for the first time to determine which statements would be audited, the fact that a number of complex projects were audited, and a lower than normal number of projects being audited. The lower percentage in 2010-11 appears to be a one-off situation.

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Question No. B2: Hon P Katsambanis asked "Please provide the titles of EPA Reports that did not meet the initial timelines for assessments"

Answer: -

The title of the EPA Reports are listed as below.

- 1 Anketell Point Port Development, Antonymyre, Shire of Roebourne
- 2 Barrambie Vanadium Project M57/173, between Meekatharra and Sandstone
- 3 Doggerup Road, Windy Harbour, Access Road to Nelson Loc 7965 (Sandy Peak)
- 4 Mangles Bay Tourist Precinct (formerly Cape Preston Marina)
- 5 West Pilbara Iron Ore Project Stage 2 - Hardey Proposal approximately 50k - west-northwest of Paraburdoo Pilbara Region

Each of these projects is large and has a number of complex environmental issues associated with them. Additional time was required in each case to obtain the necessary information for the EPA to properly complete its assessment.

