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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 1 April 2014

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

I refer to Question On Notice No. 760 asked in the Legislative Council on 20 February 2014, and ask:

1. Was the answer to question (a) incorrect given that all ponds had overtopped in the week preceding when the photos were taken and the ponds had been drained as per answer to question (e) and that it had rained consistently up until the time the photos were taken?
2. Given that answer to (c) indicates that it was not permissible for the fluid to have escaped from the lined dam, will the Minister table the conditions that prescribe this, and indicate what action the Minister will take against Buru for having failed to comply with this requirement?
3. If no to any of (2), why not?
4. With respect to (2), was Buru prosecuted or issued an infringement notice for this breach?
5. If yes to any part of (4), will the Minister table either the prosecution or infringement notice?
6. If no to any part of either (4 or 5), why not?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. No
2. Commitments within Environment Plans are confidential under the provisions of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*. There was no action taken against Buru for the April 2013 incident, due to this incident being considered insignificant and causing no environmental damage.
- 3 - 4. See answer to question 2 above.

5- 6.
Not applicable

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