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

Tuesday, 22 April 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Environment.

I refer to Question on notice no 858 asked on Tuesday, 11 March 2014 and further ask in clarification, as the answer to (a) is correct only in respect of the mine site and not the town of Derby:

- (1) Why are the impacts of the diesel carcinogenic pollution from Rey Resources 24 hour trucking operation through the centre of Derby not dealt within the Public Environment Review (PER)?
- (2) Will the Environmental Protection Authority request that this omission will be addressed by way of a further addition to the PER by Rey Resources?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

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

The Minister for Environment has provided the following response.

- (1)-(3) Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, the Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for setting the form, content and timing for the assessment and is to report to me on the key environmental factors and whether the proposal should be implemented, and if so, recommend conditions.

It is not appropriate for me to comment while the EPA is undertaking its assessment.