

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1247

asked on Wednesday, 16 September 2009

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**MR PRATT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR TRADE (MR ROBERTSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the pilot underground coal gasification project by Cougar Energy MDL385—

- (1) Why was there no Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspection of the site prior to issuing the environmental authority for this project?
- (2) What evidence does the government rely on to assure residents in the Kingaroy and surrounding districts that air and water quality will not be affected by this pilot program and in the event of any contamination, what arrangements have been put in place to counteract and compensate individuals and the community?
- (3) Why are there no pollution controls required for the flare plant?
- (4) Why is the EPA allowing Cougar Energy to self monitor the pilot project?

ANSWER:

As I previously stated during Question Time on Tuesday, 6 October 2009 when the Honourable Member asked this question, this matter falls under the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability's portfolio. I refer the member to the relevant Minister.