

Question on Notice
No. 1704
Asked on 10 November 2009

MR SEENEY asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) -

QUESTION:

Is the Minister aware of any emergency response plan that involves any contingencies to address the catastrophic failure of the retaining wall at the historic Mt Morgan mine site and the resultant release of large quantities of polluted water into the Fitzroy River system and Rockhampton's water supply?

ANSWER:

Queensland Mines and Energy holds the emergency plan for the dam at Mount Morgan and as a consequence, the Question should be directed to my colleague, the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade.

The Department of Community Safety supports local governments in the development of Local Disaster Management Plans. The Rockhampton Regional Council Disaster Management Plan encompasses the area of Mt Morgan.

In accordance with the current Rockhampton Regional Council Disaster Management Plan, any accidents or events occurring at the Mt Morgan mine site are the responsibility of the Mine owner. The Department of Environment and Resource Management takes a lead role in ensuring appropriate mine site emergency plans are in place.

In accordance with the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements, the Department of Community Safety is committed to providing support for all disaster events through the State Disaster Coordination Centre following a request from the Local Disaster Management Group through the District Disaster Management Group.