

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1028

asked on Thursday, 16 June 2011

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**MR HOPPER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND MINING (MR HINCHLIFFE)—

QUESTION:

What recommendations and changes to legislation will the department be making to ensure that coal seam gas companies communicate directly with landholders when gas leaks occur on their properties?

ANSWER:

The Code of Practice for coal seam gas well-head emissions detection and reporting has been amended to require immediate notification to the land owner or occupier of the property on which any uncontrolled leaks from coal seam gas well site facilities are identified. In addition, if the reportable leak zone from an uncontrolled leak is or is likely to impact on adjoining properties, then the landowner(s) or occupier(s) of those properties must also be notified.

The amendment is now included in the revised Code of Practice and was effective from 1 July 2011. The updated code is available on the Queensland Government Safety and Health website at: [www.mines.industry.qld.gov.au](http://www.mines.industry.qld.gov.au)