

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 581

asked on Wednesday, 6 August 2014

MR HOPPER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (MR CRIPPS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the ambient air readings from the the second independent government monitor installed in Jondaryan which records suspended particles and small particulates PM10 and PM2.5 and New Hope's response that the poor air quality is from other sources such as smoke, cars, trucks, farming activities, dirt roads and the Jondaryan waste facility—

(1) Why does the highest reading for ambient air and PM10 occur between 8.00pm and 6.00am when the dump is closed and there is minimal traffic on the Warrego Highway?

(2) Why are the readings higher when winds blow directly from the east over the coal loading facility and at night when the air is still and hangs over Jondaryan?

ANSWER:

As this is an issue that falls under the portfolio responsibility of my colleague, the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, I refer the member to Mr Powell on this matter.