

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 344

asked on Thursday, 31 March 2021

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to information published on 'qldminingcrisis.com.au' on 26 February 2022 and the Grosvenor Mine incident brief provided to the Office of the Work Health and Safety Prosecutor (OWHSP) by Resources Safety and Health Queensland (RSHQ)—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the investigation into the incident was restricted to the particular incident on 6 May 2020 or if it included other related incidents at the site (b) if the investigation was restricted, who approved that decision and (c) if the Minister supported that decision?

ANSWER:

Resources Safety and Health Queensland (RSHQ) was established by the Queensland Parliament, through the *Resources Safety and Health Queensland Act 2020*, as the independent regulator of safety and health in Queensland's resources industry.

RSHQ independently conducted its investigation of the serious accident that occurred at Grosvenor mine on 6 May 2020.

I am assured by the Work Health and Safety (WHS) Prosecutor, who considered RSHQ's investigation brief of evidence, that it was comprehensive and of a very high standard.

I am advised:

- (a) In its investigation of the serious accident at Grosvenor mine on 6 May 2020, RSHQ considered a wide range of potential contributing factors. This included consideration of the risks to workers associated with the mine's management of gas on Longwall 104, as well as previous longwalls (including the high potential incidents that were considered by the Queensland Coal Mining Board of Inquiry). Information about this aspect of the investigation is referenced in the brief provided to the WHS Prosecutor.
- (b) The investigation team was not subject to any restriction in conducting its investigation under powers provided by the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999*.
- (c) As noted in part (b), RSHQ was not restricted in its investigation. RSHQ is independent in exercising its functions and powers under the *Resources Safety and Health Queensland Act 2020*, the *Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999* and other legislation it administers.