

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1031

asked on Tuesday, 12 September 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister (a) confirm how many hydraulic stimulation activities have been conducted in Queensland since 2015, (b) whether there have been any compliance or safety issues and (c) detail any compliance and safety issues?

ANSWER:

- (a) A total of 1168 hydraulic stimulation activities have been conducted in Queensland since 2015.
- (b) The Petroleum and Gas Inspectorate detected seven non-compliance issues and two safety issues associated with stimulation activities since January 2015.
- (c) The non-compliance and safety issues identified related to the following issues:
 - Hydraulic stimulation service providers' safety management systems had inadequate formal safety assessments and training processes, and appropriate industry standards for operating the plant were not followed.
 - Hydraulic fracture stimulation service providers' safety management system management of change processes were poorly implemented.
 - Failure to comply with the prescribed reporting requirements of sections 33, 34 and 45 of the Petroleum and Gas (General Provisions) Regulation 2017 relevant to hydraulic stimulation activities.
 - One hydraulic stimulation service provider was found to be non-compliant on two occasions regarding maintaining the respirable crystalline silica levels below the levels accepted by Safe Work Australia Workplace Exposure Standard.