

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1470

asked on Thursday, 16 November 2023

MR P WEIR ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Microbiologically Influenced Corrosion (MIC) of coal seam gas wells in the Surat Basin—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the department has provided a briefing on this issue in the last two years, (b) the dates of these meetings and/or briefings if any and (c) whether impacted host and neighbouring landholders have been notified or will be notified of well corrosion and of any mitigation measures occurring on or near their land?

ANSWER:

(a)&(b) It is a requirement under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* that operators of all Queensland wells manage and monitor well integrity as part of the scope of their safety management systems. This is regulated by the Petroleum and Gas Inspectorate within Resources Safety and Health Queensland, not the Department of Resources.

As stated in the response to question on notice number 1356, the inspectorate has not received any notification relating to the integrity of coal seam gas wells in the last two years identifying microbiological corrosion (MIC) as the primary cause of the notification. Accordingly, the inspectorate has had no reason to provide a briefing to the Minister on this issue in the last two years.

(c) The inspectorate has not received any notifications identifying MIC as a primary cause and therefore has no cause to notify landholders.