

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 131

asked on Thursday, 25 February 2021

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**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to three Authorities to Prospect (ATP) (656, 657 and 658) held by Blue Energy or Origin Energy over floodplain Strategic Environmental Areas of the Channel Country—

Will the Minister advise (a) did the department approve or otherwise endorse Blue Energy's compliance with their original Work Plan in relation to those ATPs, (b) how many petroleum exploration wells have been drilled under each of those ATPs since 2014 and what length (in linekm) of seismic data has been collected, (c) what are the current estimates of proven, probable, possible or contingent reserves respectively as a result of any work conducted since 2014, (d) has the government approved the transfer of those ATPs from Blue Energy to Origin Energy to pursue Petroleum Licences and (e) what is the statutory process for determining the transfer and who is the decision maker?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Department of Resources approved the original work plan in relation to those authorities to prospect (ATPs) in June 2014, in accordance with section 25E of the *Petroleum Act 1923*.
- (b) Blue Energy has not completed drilling of any petroleum exploration wells nor has Blue Energy collected any seismic data since 2014.
- (c) Blue Energy has declared payable deposits have been discovered within the land the subject of each of the ATPs. The declarations are based on available wireline logs, core and drill cuttings data from regional wells drilled within and around the ATP areas.
- (d) Blue Energy has not lodged any transfer applications for the ATPs to Origin Energy.
- (e) The *Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014* sets out the statutory process for determining a transfer.