



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 93

## WRITTEN QUESTION

K McNamara to the Minister for Mining and Energy, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

### **Incident regarding the activities of Imperial Oil and Gas**

As reported by the NT Independent in May 2025, the Department for Lands, Planning and Environment (DPLE) recently disclosed that it had resolved three incidents relating to the activities of Imperial Oil and Gas (a subsidiary of Empire Energy) at EP187.

While the details of two of these incidents were set out in a Regulatory Statement, the details of the third incident were not provided. DPLE stated that this third incident was resolved under the Petroleum Act and that no non-compliance had occurred.

1. What are the details of this third undisclosed incident? What occurred and when?
2. When and how was DPLE notified of this incident?
3. What actions, if any, were taken to rectify the incident when it first occurred? What, if any, follow-up measures have been undertaken?
4. Was the incident a contravention of an environmental performance standard (in a current EMP) or inconsistent with an environmental outcome specified in the current EMP? If yes, why wasn't this incident publicly disclosed as a recordable incident? If no, is there no obligation under the current laws to publicly report such an incident?
5. Who made the decision that this incident could be resolved under the Petroleum Act?
6. How was this incident resolved under the Petroleum Act?
7. What explanation can be provided to demonstrate that no non-compliance under the Petroleum (Environment) regulations has occurred?
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9. How will DPLE ensure that an incident like this doesn't happen again?