

Dot point notes from meeting between AEL, NOPSA and DoIR on 26 August 2008 at DoIR

Present:



- Introduction by [REDACTED]. Meeting called by AEL as a result of letter from WA Minister Logan to AEL and the response by AEL.
- [REDACTED] stated AEL willingness to co-operate with Investigation and a wish to maintain positive dialogue with DoIR.
- [REDACTED] discussed the resources being applied to the information requests, time consuming task.
- [REDACTED] stated the need for the information provided to be accurate and complete
- [REDACTED] suggested that regular liaison meetings between DoIR and AEL may assist with the provision of information
- [REDACTED] agreed that this may be useful.
- [REDACTED] expressed a concern that information being provided to DoIR may be accessed externally, via FOI.
- [REDACTED] stated that this would always be a possibility but should not be grounds for non provision of the information.
- [REDACTED] queried applicability of S63 of the PPA to obtain information as opposed to documentation. [REDACTED] reinforced that there are no compulsive powers to require individuals to answer questions within the PPA. [REDACTED] raised the alternative being the P(SL)A as DoIR and the SSO believe that both Acts apply, but as discussed previously in order to obtain the information without undue delay it was agreed to use the PPA rather than enter a debate with AEL about this issue as it would only delay the investigation. [REDACTED] indicated that we may need to consider the P(SL)A if we needed to obtain information. [REDACTED] advised that information from individuals under the P(SL)A is taken under Oath.
- [REDACTED] was asked to discuss status of document requests to date. AEL claimed to have complied with all requests pertaining to documentation, except doc request 7. AEL stated doc request 7 would be provided this week.
- [REDACTED] stated that not all of the information requested in doc request 4 had been provided, and that this was still open.
- Requests for written responses from individuals, doc requests 5,6,9,10,11 are still outstanding.
- DoIR asked when the investigators may expect responses to requests for information from individuals, Requests 5, 6, 9, 10, 11.
- [REDACTED] stated that in order to provide accurate and complete information, this could not be provided for at least a further 3 weeks.
- [REDACTED] stated this would not be acceptable.
- [REDACTED] asked if there was anything that could be done to speed up that response and requested dates when the information may be delivered to be given at the next meeting.
- [REDACTED] to set up weekly liaison meetings with AEL
- revision of destructive testing protocol for pipe samples was discussed
- [REDACTED] stated NOPSA would be providing DoIR with comments on the NDT phase completed to date. This may impact on the destructive testing protocol addressed above.
- [REDACTED] stated there were concerns regarding; corrosion mapping had not been properly addressed, retention of the samples post testing, test results for 16"SDV, and access to Pearlstreet staff by DoIR experts. AEL were supportive of the retention of the pipes and samples post testing. [REDACTED] offered to secure the pipes at DoIR premises when testing has been completed. AEL were supportive of this suggestion.