

WRITTEN QUESTION—KEVIN O'REILLY, MLA FRAME LAKE
QUESTION 10-19(2): POINTED MOUNTAIN GAS FIELD COMPLIANCE AND
RECLAMATION
March 16, 2020

MR. O'REILLY: Number two, Mr. Speaker. Pointed Mountain gas field compliance and reclamation. My questions are for the Minister of Lands.

The Pointed Mountain gas field near Fort Liard went into production in 1972 under British Petroleum Canada and stopped in 2001. The site was acquired in 2010 by Apache Canada and the name of the owner was changed to Paramount Resources in 2017. There currently a land use permit covering this site until June 4, 2022, but no water licence. A Government of the Northwest Territories inspection of the site was carried out on July 24, 2018, and on June 5, 2019 the owner was notified that the site was in violation of the Waters Act. What, if any, enforcement action has been taken against the owner of the Pointed Mountain gas field, and:

1. What, if any financial security is held for the Pointed Mountain gas field, including the form and amount of such financial security;
2. Whether there is a current and approved closure and reclamation plan for the site and all its facilities;
3. Whether there is a current cost estimate for the full and final closure and reclamation of the site and the amount of that cost estimate; and
4. If there is no current and approved closure and reclamation plan, and no current cost estimate for the closure and reclamation of the site, what further action does the Minister intend to take and when?