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*“Consider and comment on the provision and accessibility of relevant information regarding the Uncontrolled Release to affected stakeholders and the public”*

**A The provision of information by PTTEPAA to regulators**

1 The following is a summary of the statutorily required information provided to regulators in relation to the Uncontrolled Release and the steps required to bring it under control:

No	Date	Information Provided	Any relevant acceptance
1	21 August 2009	PTTEPAA notified the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA), the DEWHA, the NTDRDPIFR, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) and the Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSOC) about the incident	
2	25 August 2009	PTTEPAA lodged an incident notification with NOPSA in accordance with <b>regulation 46(2)(c)</b> of the <i>Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Safety on Offshore Facilities) Regulations 1996 (MOSOF Regulations)</i> .	
3	25 August 2009	PTTEPAA, in accordance with <b>regulation 26</b> of the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) (Management of Environment) Regulations 1999 ( <b>MOE Regulations</b> ), notified the NTDRDPIFR of the Montara Well Release incident, being a reportable incident mentioned in the accepted AC/L7 and AC/L8 Montara Development Production and Exploration Drilling Environment Plan (TM-CR-GEN-G-091-00002)	
4	31 August 2009	PTTEPAA sent to DEWHA an application for exemption under section 158 of the EPBC Act in relation to the Montara H1 Well Control Operations. On 28 August 2009, DEWHA provided PTTEPAA information about exemption and what information was required to obtain exemption.	5 September 2009  Peter Garrett, Minister for the Environment Heritage and the Arts, exempted PTTEPAA under <b>section 158</b> of the EPBC Act from the application of all provisions of Part 3 and Chapter 4 of the Act in relation to the drilling of the relief well.

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5	1 September 2009	PTTEPAA sent NTDRDPIFR an application for approval to drill the relief well Montara H1 ST1 RW1 in accordance with its drilling program entitled "Montara H1 ST1 RW1 Well Operations Management Plan WOMP Document Number TM-CR-MON-G-150-00009, Revision 0".	10 September 2009  NTDRDPIFR, in accordance with Regulation (7) (1) of the WOMP Regulations accepted the Well Operations Management Plan entitled "Montara H1 ST1 RW1 Well Operations Management Plan WOMP" Document Number TM-CR-MON-G-150-00009, Revision 0.
6	2 September 2009	<p>PTTEPAA provided NTDRDPIFR with addendums to the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Plan for the Montara Development Installation and Commissioning activities in licence areas AC/L7 and AC/L8, (documents number TM-CR-GEN-G-091-00002, April 2008 Rev O and TM-CR-GEN-G-091-00002, June 2009 Rev 1) This addendum covered the proposed water deluge operations at the Montara wellhead platform and West Atlas drilling rig; and</li> <li>• Environment Plan for Exploration and Production Drilling activities in licence areas AC/L7 and AC/L8 (document number TM-CR-GEN-G-091-00001, October 2007 Rev 0). This addendum covered the drilling activities for the relief well Montara H1 ST1 RW1,</li> </ul> <p>and applied under <b>Regulation (17)(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations to the department as Designated Authority to accept the addendum as a revision to the plan.</p>	10 September 2009  NTDRDPIFR accepted revisions to environmental plans
7	3 September 2009	PTTEPAA (referring to AMSA's confirmation by letter of 22 August 2009 of the transfer of control of the oil spill response to it using the National Plan to	

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		<p>Combat Pollution of the Sea by Oil and Other Noxious and Hazardous Substances National Plan Pursuant to Part 9 of the EPBC Act), notified AMSA that PTTEPAA was granted approval to drill and operate wells in the Montara development area for the purpose of oil production; and that this Approved Action was subject to conditions including that PTTEPAA must submit and adhere to an Oil Spill Contingency Plan.</p> <p>It stated further that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section 134 (1)</b> of the EPBC Act states that if another person (AMSA) is authorised to undertake any part of the Approved Action on behalf of another PTTEPAA then the authorising party must ensure that the person undertaking the action is informed of the conditions attached to the Approved Action ie adhering to the Oil Spill Contingency Plan; and</li> <li>• as part of PTTEPAA's compliance under the EPBC Act it required AMSA to review the Oil Spill Contingency Plan sent to it on 29 June 2009.</li> </ul>	
8	7 September 2009	<p>PTTEPAA submitted document to NOPSA entitled "Montara H1 ST1 Well Release Response - Case for Safety Revision 2", dated 7 September 2009 describing its risk assessment in relation to proposed operations to carry out water deluge (and contingently fire-fighting) operations utilising equipment and personnel on support vessels located near the Montara Wellhead Platform facility, by way of an application by PTTEPAA for NOPSA's agreement to the NOPSA Prohibition Notice ceasing to have effect to the extent that any person is placed at or near the facility for the purposes of those</p>	<p>11 September 2009</p> <p>NOPSA issued a revised Prohibition Notice the effect of which was to only permit such proposed operations in the event of ignition (ie. for fire-fighting).</p> <p>NOPSA requested that PTTEPAA submit a revised safety case for the Montara Wellhead Platform facility addressing the initial investigative activities to assess the condition of the facility, activities associated with the implementation of well control</p>

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		proposed operations.	barrier(s) into the H1 ST1 well and activities to verify the integrity of the facility, which revised safety case would only take effect after PTTEPAA had demonstrated at least one effective well control barrier in the H1 ST1 well.
9	7 September 2009	PTTEPAA notified DEWHA of the death of various marine fauna in accordance with the Montara Development Installation and Commissioning Environment Plan, Jabiru Field Environment Plan, and the EPBC Act.	
10	9 September 2009	PTTEPAA sent NTDRDPIFR an application to drill the relief well Montara H1 ST1 RW1 in accordance with its drilling program entitled "Montara H1 ST1 RW1 Drilling Program Revision 1" - Document Number TM-CR-GEN-R-150-00015	10 September 2009  NTDRDPIFR, in accordance with <b>Regulation (17)(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations approved PTTEPAA's application to drill the relief well Montara H1 ST1 RW1 in accordance with its drilling program entitled "Montara H1 ST1 RW1 Drilling Program" - Document Number TM-CR-GEN-R-150-00015, Revision 1.
11	18 September 2009	PTTEPAA sent NTDRDPIFR an application to continue drilling the relief well Montara H1 ST1 RW1 in accordance with its drilling program entitled "Montara H1 ST1 RW1 Drilling Program Revision 2" - Document Number TM-CR-GEN-R-150-00015.	21 September 2009  NTDRDPIFR, in accordance with <b>Regulation (17)(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations approved PTTEPAA's application to continue drilling the relief well Montara H1 ST1 RW1 in accordance with its drilling program entitled "Montara H1 ST1 RW1 Drilling Program" - Document Number TM-CR-GEN-R-150-00015, Revision 2.
12	21 September 2009	PTTEPAA submitted a revised safety case for the Montara Wellhead Platform facility addressing the initial investigative activities to assess the condition of the facility, activities associated with the implementation of additional well control barrier(s) into the H1 ST1 well and	

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		activities to verify the integrity of the facility, which revised safety case would only take effect after PTTEPAA had demonstrated at least one effective well control barrier in the H1 ST1 well. This was in response to NOPSAs request for same on 11 September 2009.	
13	2 October 2009	Montara Well H1 ST1 Incident Investigation Report submitted to NOPSAs in accordance with <b>regulation 46(2)(c)</b> of the MOSOF Regulations.	
14	2 October 2009	PTTEPAA applied to the NTDRDPIFR for approval to suspend the Montara H1 ST1 RW1 relief well by undertaking well plugging operations at the Montara wellhead platform (subject to successful 'killing' of the H1 well from the relief well) in accordance with its program in the document entitled "Montara H1 ST1 Well Control Operations WHP Clearing Plugging Operations on H1 ST 1", Number TM-CR-GEN-N-090-00006	<p>7 October 2009</p> <p>The NTDRDPIFR, in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(e)</b> of the WOMP Regulations, approved PTTEPAA's application to suspend the Montara H1 ST1 RW1 relief well by undertaking well plugging operations at the Montara wellhead platform (subsequent to the successful 'killing' of the H1 well from the relief well) in accordance with its program in the document entitled "Montara H1 ST1 Well Control Operations WHP Clearing Plugging Operations on H1 ST 1", Number TM-CR-GEN-N-090-00006.</p> <p>The approval was subject to NOPSAs lifting its Prohibition Notice so that PTTEPAA personnel and its associated contractors were allowed to board the Montara Well head Platform and West Atlas rig.</p>
15	6 October 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations.	<p>7 October 2009</p> <p>The NTDRDPIFR, in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(e)</b> of the WOMP Regulations, approved PTTEPAA's application to side-track Montara H1 ST1 RW1.</p>

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16	14 October 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST.	14 October 2009  NTDRDPIFR provided PTTEPAA with preliminary approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW1 ST in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations.
17	17 October 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST.	17 October 2009  NTDRDPIFR provided PTTEPAA with preliminary approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW1 ST in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations
18	20 October 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST.	20 October 2009  NTDRDPIFR provided PTTEPAA with preliminary approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW1 ST subject to receipt of its formal application and revised well bore schematic in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations.
19	23 October 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST.	23 October 2009  NTDRDPIFR provided PTTEPAA with preliminary approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW1 ST in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations.
20	26 October 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST.	26 October 2009  The NTDRDPIFR approved PTTEPAA's application for approval to sidetrack Montara H1 ST1 RW 1 ST in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(a)</b> of the WOMP Regulations
21	6 November 2009	PTTEPAA lodged incident notification with NOPSA in relation to the fire on the Montara Wellhead Platform Facility.	

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		Notification provided in accordance with <b>regulation 46(2)(c)</b> of the MOSOF Regulations.	
22	20 November 2009	PTTEPAA provided to NOPSA a further revision of its safety case for the Montara Wellhead Platform facility addressing the initial investigative activities to assess the condition of the facility, activities associated with the implementation of well control barrier(s) into the H1 ST1 well and activities to verify the integrity of the facility, which revised safety case would only take effect after PTTEPAA had demonstrated at least one effective well control barrier in the H1 ST1 well, dated 20 November 2009.	<p>20 November 2009</p> <p>NOPSA accepted, in accordance with Regulation 38 of the MOSOF Regulations, safety case revisions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atlas Drilling - received by letter earlier that day in response to NOPSA request on or about 2 November 2009 and being the West Atlas Safety Case, Revision 1 dated 4 July 2007 and the revision to the West Atlas safety case entitled "HSE SCR WA 11-2009, Revision 0.2", dated 20 November 2009; and</li> <li>• PTTEPAA - received by letter dated 6 November 2009 in response to NOPSA request on or about 2 November 2009 and being the Montara Development Construction and Installation Safety Case WHP Boarding, Investigation, Integrity Inspection and H1-ST1 Well Plugging Revision, dated 6 November 2009</li> </ul> <p>to reboard respectively the <i>West Atlas</i> and Montara well head platform facility in order to assess the condition of the facility and to conduct activities associated with the implementation of additional well control barrier(s) into the H1 ST1 well and activities to verify the integrity of the facility.</p>
23	25 November	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to suspend the development well Montara H1	<p>25 November 2009</p> <p>NTDRDPIFR approved the</p>

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	2009	ST1.	application in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(d)</b> of the WOMP Regulations.
24	25 November 2009	PTTEPAA provided the NTDRDPIFR with an application for approval to plug and abandon the relief well.	25 November 2009  NTDRDPIFR approved the application in accordance with <b>Regulation 17(1)(d)</b> of the WOMP Regulations.
25	4 December 2009	PTTEPAA sent NOPSA the Montara H1 ST1 Well Fire Incident Report in accordance with <b>Regulation 46(2)(c)</b> of the MOSOF Regulations.	

- 2 In addition to the statutorily required information provided to regulators, PTTEPAA also submitted other information in relation to the Uncontrolled Release (and the steps required to bring it under control) to DRET, NTDRDPIFR, NOPSA and AMSA both in response to specific requests from those regulators for information and also by way of general status updates from time to time.
- 3 PTTEPAA kept DRET and Minister Ferguson up to date about its response to the Uncontrolled Release via frequent telephone calls with [REDACTED] advisor to Minister Ferguson. This enabled DRET to take on a role of co-ordinating the various government departments in providing the required approvals as effectively as possible.
- 4 In addition, the CEO from PTTEP in Bangkok came to Australia and he and the CEO and COO of PTTEPAA went to meet with the Australian and Northern Territory government twice during the response to the Uncontrolled Release:
- (a) on the first visit on 7-8 September there was a flight over the Montara oilfield, a meeting with the NTDRDPIFR in Darwin and a meeting in Canberra with Minister Ferguson, Minister Garrett and Minister Albanese. At these meetings, PTTEPAA gave a briefing on the incident and what was being done to stop the Uncontrolled Release; and

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(b) on the second visit on 18 – 19 November meetings were held with Minister Ferguson, DEWHA and AMSA in Canberra and with the NTDRDPIFR in Darwin.

5 PTTEPAA also met with:

- (a) Minister Ferguson twice in Perth following the Uncontrolled Release. Once at PTTEPAA's offices and once in the Perth based Commonwealth, parliamentary office. At those meetings Minister Ferguson was briefed on developments.
- (b) DEWHA in Canberra on at least 3 occasions – 16 September, 6 October, 26 November (COO and Environmental Co-ordinator);
- (c) DRET in Canberra on at least 2 occasions (COO);
- (d) AMSA in Canberra on at least 3 occasions (COO);
- (e) NOPSA on numerous occasions (COO, HSE Manager and others);
- (f) WA Minister for Transport – Simon O'Brien on 24 August for a briefing and follow up briefing to his office on 8 September (COO and CFO); and
- (g) DEWHA and WA Department of Fisheries on 14 October – briefing on developments and Monitoring Plan in Perth.

6 PTTEPAA had a representative in Canberra during the initial days of response, to liaise with AMSA (HSE Co-ordinator).

7 PTTEPAA also conferred with DRET and DEWHA in relation to press releases and statements being made in parliament with regard to the actual accuracy of them.

8 The CFO gave a telephone briefing to Western Australian Premier's office.

**B The provision of information by PTTEPAA to other stakeholders**

9 On 21 October PTTEPAA gave a presentation on the Uncontrolled Release to a meeting of the Northern Demersal Scale Fisheries licence holders and WA Department of Fisheries.

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- 10 Whilst in Canberra, PTTEPAA's COO met with APPEA to update them about the Uncontrolled Release. These meetings were held with the Deputy CEO of APPEA.
- 11 On 12 November PTTEPAA gave a presentation on the environmental monitoring plan agreed with DEWHA to APPEA's Environmental Affairs Committee.
- 12 PTTEPAA had held a debrief meeting with Woodside about how the response had gone. The issues relating to the need to interface with the various government parties and how to effectively deal with them whilst managing a major incident were discussed.
- 13 Further briefings are planned to be held with other petroleum companies and at various industry events following the conclusion of the Commission of Inquiry.
- C The provision of information by PTTEPAA to the public**
- 14 PTTEPAA:
- (a) disseminated information to the public on a daily basis since the incident began on 21 August 2009;
  - (b) issued 96 media releases to an extensive media and stakeholder list, including six media releases issued in the first two days of the incident; and
  - (c) had in place seven-day-a-week, 24-hour media contact staff and for the greater part of the incident (21 August – 10 November) daily media statements were issued and responses to the media were provided.
- 15 Where available, photographic images were supplied to the media – these images included:
- (a) the leaking Montara well head platform (WHP) and *West Atlas* rig;
  - (b) drilling rig *West Triton* after arriving on location in the Timor Sea;
  - (c) the WHP and *West Atlas* rig soon after the fire incident occurred (1 November); and
  - (d) WHP and *West Atlas* rig before, during and after the fire incident.

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- 16 Media releases were also issued to industry, associated groups, and State and Federal government agencies and copies supplied to the relevant Federal and State Ministers' offices.
- 17 All releases were made available to the public via PTTEPAA's Australian website.
- 18 PTTEPAA held media conferences in relation to the uncontrolled release on 22 August, 23 August and 12 September 2009.

<b>PTTEPAA media conferences</b>	
22 and 23 August 2009	José Martins: public statement at media conference 22 August. Spill control team to present report on recommended course of action. PTTEPAA agrees to work with AMSA on oil spill response and cover AMSA's related costs.
12 September 2009	<p>José Martins presented update on incident response (drilling of relief well to commence); update on environmental monitoring and appointment of Mr John Wardrop to manage environmental monitoring program.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation and display boards produced and presented to the media.</p> <p>Mr Mike Allcorn of ALERT Well Control presented an overview of the drilling and intercept operations.</p> <p>Messrs Martins and Allcorn fielded questions from the media.</p> <p>Media pack issued to media, including project update media release from PTTEPAA, environmental monitoring action fact sheet and PowerPoint presentation of West Triton relief well drilling, intercept and well kill operations.</p> <p>Audio new release of Messrs Martins and Allcorn published on PTTEPAA website.</p>

- 19 PTTEPAA also held media information briefings ("doorstops") on 29 October and 2 November 2009.

<b>Media information briefings "Door stop" all print, broadcast and online media alerted to media briefings held at PTTEPAA's offices in Perth.</b>	
29 October 2009	José Martins provides update on drilling and environmental operations and appointment of John Wardrop to manage environmental monitoring program.
2 November 2009	José Martins provides update on well kill preparations to stop leak and extinguish fire on well head platform.

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- 20 Display boards and PowerPoint presentation images explaining the relief well intercept and well kill operations were shown at the media conferences and made available to reporters on compact disks as part of media packs provided.
- 21 PTTEPAA produced five facts sheets between September and December 2009, issued to the media and made available to the public via the PTTEPAA website.

<b>Fact sheets</b>	
About PTTEP Australasia	Fact sheet detailing structure, operation and ownership of Petroleum Authority of Thailand (PTT); PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited (PTTEP) and PTTEP Australasia.
Timor Sea operations background information	Fact sheet detailing structure, operation and ownership of the Montara Development; Jabiru Oil Field, Challis Oil Field, OMV Timor Sea acquisition and PTTEPAA. Updated 14 December 2009.
By the numbers – logistics and personnel involved	Fact sheet detailing the breadth of personnel and logistics in relation to the incident. Facts on various distances also detailed.
Environmental monitoring	Fact sheet announcing the appointment of John Wardrop to manage environmental monitoring programs. Short biography of Mr Wardrop and an overview of the environmental response.
Heavy mud and relief well	Question and answer fact sheet about heavy mud and its use in the well kill operation.

- 22 PTTEPAA also made Video News Releases and Audio News Releases available on its website.

<b>Video news release (VNR) To issue information to the public via broadcast and online media, PTTEP Australia issued a pre-recorded video statement by CFO José Martins.</b>	
October 2009	Video news release showing first shoreline monitoring party undertaking environmental survey at Ashmore and Cartier islands.

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1	Issued 25 August 2009	Recording of José Martins: public statement at media conference 22 August. Spill control team to present report on recommended course of action. PTTEPAA agrees to cover AMSA's related costs.
2	Issued 12 September 2009	Recording of José Martins: Outline of spill control actions and appointment of John Wardrop.
3	Issued 12 September 2009	Further recording of José Martins: Outline of spill control actions and appointment of Mr John Wardrop.
4	Issued 12 September 2009	Recording Mike Allcorn, managing director, ALERT well control. Mr Allcorn explains relief well drilling, intercept and well kill operations.
5	Issued 15 October 2009	Recording of John Wardrop explaining environmental monitoring program and general comments on clean-up operations. Mr Wardrop was engaged by PTTEPAA to manage the environmental monitoring programs.
6	Issued 15 October 2009	Further recording of John Wardrop explaining environmental monitoring program and general comments on clean-up operations.
7	Issued 15 October 2009	Further recording of John Wardrop explaining environmental monitoring program and general comments on clean-up operations.
8	Issued 28 October 2009	Recording of Mike Allcorn of ALERT Well Control explaining extent of operations to drill, intercept and kill the Montara H1 well.
9	Issued 28 October 2009	Further recording of Mike Allcorn of ALERT Well Control explaining extent of operations to drill, intercept and kill the Montara H1 well.
10	Issued 28 October 2009	Further recording of Mike Allcorn of ALERT Well Control explaining extent of operations to drill, intercept and kill the Montara H1 well.
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12	Issued 28 October 2009	Further recording of Mike Allcorn of ALERT Well Control explaining extent of operations to drill, intercept and kill the Montara H1 well.
13	29 October 2009	Recording of John Wardrop commenting on initial site visit as part of environmental monitoring program.

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14	2 November 2009	Recording of José Martins outlining well kill operations and plan to kill H1 well and extinguish fire.

- 23 In addition to media conferences and media briefings (“doorstops”), PTTEPAA made its Director and CFO, Mr José Martins available for television and radio interviews.

<b>Major radio and television interviews</b>	
17 September 2009	Mike Allcorn appeared on ABC television current affairs program the <i>7.30 Report</i> .
29 October 2009	José Martins interview with Simon Beaumont on radio 6 PR Perth. Response to questions about the incident, response and well kill operations.
29 October 2009	Mike Allcorn and John Wardrop interviewed on morning radio current affairs 720 ABC Perth with Geoff Hutchison. Both gentlemen responded to questions regarding the incident well kill response and environmental monitoring plans.
30 October 2009	José Martins interview on ABC television current affairs program the <i>Stateline</i> .
4 November 2009	José Martins interviewed on morning radio current affairs 720 ABC Perth with Geoff Hutchison.

**D PTTEPAA’s Responses to the media**

- 24 Between August and November 2009 PTTEPAA responded to around 900 telephone calls and a considerable number of emails from reporters.
- 25 In addition to the 96 media releases issued by PTTEPAA, more than 50 direct written responses were provided as needed to news journalists and finance and industry reporters from around Australia and internationally.
- 26 Media questions related to the incident itself, clarification of technical information, key dates and milestones. Reporters also queried PTTEPAA in relation to related government statements including those from departments, Ministers and other Federal politicians.

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**E The provision of information by the government to PTTEPAA**

- 27 The various government departments, agencies and bodies involved in the Uncontrolled Release held daily “all of government meetings” to which PTTEPAA was not invited.
- 28 PTTEPAA understands that it may be necessary for the various government departments, agencies and bodies to hold confidential discussion and that incidents such as the Uncontrolled Release could give rise to the need to hold discussions in relation to matters that it may not be in the national interest for entities outside of government to be made aware of, however, in relation to the Uncontrolled Release the failure to permit PTTEPAA to attend at least part of the “all of government meetings” led to inefficiencies in the managing of the incident on a number of occasions.
- 29 During the course of managing the Uncontrolled Release, a number of proposals were raised at the “all of government” meetings about things that PTTEPAA should do. When the proposal was discussed with PTTEPAA on some occasions, there were valid reasons why the government proposal would not work. This resulted in the matter needing to be raised again at the next day’s “all of government” meeting.
- 30 PTTEPAA had also become aware that the potential for a government tour to Indonesia which might discuss the Uncontrolled Release with the Indonesians and was discussed on a number of occasions at the “all of government meetings”. Had PTTEPAA been involved in the earlier discussions during the “all of government meetings” it could have made Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the other government agencies aware that it would not have been possible for it to have its COO and incident commander in Indonesia for one week whilst the Uncontrolled Release was still in the process of being managed earlier than on the eve of the proposed tour.
- 31 PTTEPAA recommends that consideration should be given to recommending that relevant companies attend at least the first part of any “all of government meetings” so that matters that are directly relevant to it can be discussed before they are excused from the meeting to enable confidential discussions to take place.
-