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Notes:

[1] <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2017-10-10.106966.h&s=fracking>

[2] <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2017-10-11.107214.h&s=fracking>

[3] To ask the SoS for BEIS, pursuant to PQ [106966](#) on Fracking: Ryedale when the application was received; when the Secretary of State expects to make a decision; if he will publish his assessments prior to making the decision; and if he will make a statement.

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