

MARKET-LED PROPOSALS

798. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Finance:

I refer to market-led proposals initiated by the private sector in Western Australia for each of the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021 to date.

- (1) How many MLPs were received by the government from private sector proponents?
- (2) What were the outlines of each MLP received in (1) and on what date were they released?
- (3) What volumetric market response did each MLP elicit?
- (4) How many of those MLPs were officially released by the government to industry and the private sector to respond to?
- (5) What financial return has each MLP delivered, and how is that financial return determined or calculated?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The question I have is in the name of Hon Dr Steve Thomas rather than in the member's name. However, I will provide an answer to the house.

- (1) From inception, a total of 61 unsolicited market-led proposals have been received. That is made up of 27 in 2019, 22 in 2020, and 12 in 2021 for the year to date.
- (2) In accordance with the MLP policy, a summary of each MLP invited to stage 2 and the outcome of the evaluation process at the end of stages 2 and 3 is publicly disclosed on the MLP website.

In addition to unsolicited market-led proposals lodged by proponents, the government issued seven problem and opportunity statements in August 2020 seeking submissions on defined problems. Eighty-three stage 1 submissions were received in response to these problem and opportunity statements.

- (3)–(4) See answer to (2).
- (5) Two MLPs have recently been completed. Market-led proposals are assessed against a number of benefits, in addition to financial returns, as set out in the published policy and guidelines.

Noting that the answer refers to a website, which is outside of our standing orders and is not commonly done, I will seek to get the member a list at a future stage.