

MINING APPLICATIONS — BURRUP PENINSULA

**672. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:**

I refer to mining and prospecting licences M47/1487, P47/1703, P47/1704 and P47/1710 that Burrup Materials Pty Ltd has applied for on the Burrup Peninsula.

- (1) Has mining lease M47/1487 been withdrawn?
- (2) If yes to (1), why?
- (3) What is the status of the three prospecting licences P47/1703, P47/1704 and P47/1710?
- (4) Does the minister intend to grant these licences?
- (5) If yes to (4), when and why?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

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

- (1) Mining lease 47/1487 was withdrawn on 4 September 2013.
- (2) The applicant lodged a completed form 22 for withdrawal after being informed by the Department of Mines and Petroleum that the mining lease application was inadequate, as the mineralisation report accompanying the application failed to confirm significant mineralisation pursuant to the Mining Act 1978.
- (3) The applications are pending.
- (4) No, as the determination does not rest with me as minister.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) The applications are required to be determined by the Mining Warden.