

2009 PILBARA CITIES BLUEPRINT

**929. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the article headed “Phase out FIFO” on page 4 of *The Sunday Times* of 24 Aug 2014 and the article headed “Blueprint to urbanise Pilbara” in *The Weekend Australian* of Saturday, 28 November 2009.

- (1) Did royalties for regions, the regional development commission, Pilbara Cities or any other agency have discussions with the mining industry in the Pilbara about the Pilbara Cities blueprint prior to its announcement?
- (2) If yes to (1), with whom were those discussions held?
- (3) If yes to (1), on what dates were those discussions held?
- (4) If yes to (1), was the issue raised of the need for mining companies to reduce or cancel their fly in, fly out operations?
- (5) If yes to (4), what were the responses from the mining industries?
- (6) If no to (4), why not?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No. The minister has been advised by the Department of Regional Development that neither the former Department of Regional Development and Lands nor the Pilbara Development Commission had discussions with the mining industry in the Pilbara about the 2009 Pilbara Cities blueprint prior to its announcement. The minister is unable to respond on behalf of other agencies that are not within his portfolio.
- (2)–(6) Not applicable.