

NUCLEAR ENERGY

586. Hon ROBIN SCOTT to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that *The Guardian* reported on 4 June 2019 that the Minerals Council of Australia has flagged it will use the review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999—the EPBC act—to push for a removal of the country’s nuclear ban, saying Australia is the only high electricity-consuming country without nuclear power in its energy mix?
- (2) Will Western Australia cooperate in an evaluation of nuclear energy as a potential contributor to energy security for Western Australia?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) Yes, the article did state that the Minerals Council of Australia would advocate for the lifting of the ban, but I note this is commonwealth environmental legislation. Western Australia will not allow nuclear power.