

MINERALOGY PTY LTD V SINO IRON PTY LTD

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

I refer to the recent decision of Justice James Edelman in the matter of Mineralogy Pty Ltd v Sino Iron Pty Ltd in the Western Australian Supreme Court.

- (1) Are royalties paid to the state in respect of the Sino Iron magnetite project by CITIC Pacific Mining or Mineralogy Pty Ltd, and at what rate?
- (2) Are royalties paid to Mineralogy Pty Ltd in respect of the Sino Iron magnetite by CITIC Pacific Mining, and at what rate?
- (3) If yes to either (1) or (2), have royalty payments commenced?
- (4) Have exports of magnetite now commenced at Cape Preston?
- (5) If not to (4), why not?

The PRESIDENT: Is that not an ongoing legal case?

Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE: No, not that I am aware of.

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises —

- (1) Royalties will be paid to the state government at the standard magnetite rate of five per cent.
- (2) This is a commercial matter between the companies.
- (3) Royalties to the state government have not commenced.
- (4) No.
- (5) There are contractual disputes between the companies.