

GOLD ROYALTY RATE INCREASE — NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES

**660. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the comments of Mr Bill Beament, executive chairman of Northern Star Resources, reported in *The West Australian* of 11 September 2017 about the Premier's assurances that there would be no increase in the gold royalty.

- (1) Since the March election, has the Premier stated that there would be no increase in the gold royalty?
- (2) If yes to (1), when, on what occasions and to whom?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) No, and not applicable. However, I take the opportunity to remind members that all Western Australians have a responsibility to contribute towards budget repair. Politicians and political parties are no exception. I would hope that when this matter comes to a vote in their chamber, those members who have reservations surrounding the conventions of budget measures and the obligation towards budget repair remember this fact.