

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — MEETINGS — MINERAL RESOURCES LTD AND POLARIS

3443. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) On how many occasions, and when, has the Minister met with Mineral Resources/Polaris or their representatives since becoming Minister?
- (2) Who attended the meetings?
- (3) Was the Helena Aurora/Bungalbin East project discussed at any of these meetings?
- (4) Has the Minister met with the Wilderness Society to discuss the project or the environmental importance of the area? If so, when?
- (5) Has the Minister met with the Conservation Council to discuss the project or the environmental importance of the area? If so, when?
- (6) Has the Minister met with the Wildflower Society to discuss the project or the environmental importance of the area? If so, when?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

(1) I have met with Mineral Resources Limited (MRL) on 25 March 2014 and 20 October 2014.

(2) **25 March 2014**

Ms Tamatha Smith (Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Environment; Heritage)

Ms Belinda Walker (Principal Policy Adviser, Office of the Minister for Environment; Heritage)

Mr Chris Ellison (Managing Director, MRL)

Mr Sean Gregory (General Manager Technical Services, MRL)

Mr James Hesford (Manager Environment, MRL)

20 October 2014

Ms Tamatha Smith (Chief of Staff, Office of the Minister for Environment; Heritage)

Mr Jason Foster (Principal Policy Adviser, Office of the Minister for Environment; Heritage)

Mr Simon Bennison (Chief Executive Officer, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc.)

Mr Kane Moyle (Manager Environmental and Land Access, Association of Mining and Exploration Companies Inc.)

Mr Wayne Ennor (Environment and Approvals Manager, Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Limited)

Mr Robert Howard (Manager Environment, Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd, Cliffs Natural Resources)

Mr Sean Gregory (General Manager Technical Services, MRL)

- (3) Yes
- (4) No
- (5) I have met with the Conservation Council on 9 April 2013 and 18 April 2013. A broad range of environmental matters and issues were raised by the Conservation Council and discussed.
- (6) I have met with the Wildflower Society on 31 July 2013 and 14 January 2014. Banded iron formation ranges in Yilgarn Craton was raised and discussed at both meetings.