

IRON ORE MINERS — ROYALTY RELIEF

93. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the December 2014 announcement of assistance to iron ore miners in light of falling commodity prices.

- (1) How many iron ore miners have been offered or have applied for temporary royalty relief?
- (2) What is the name of each miner that has been granted royalty relief?
- (3) On what date was each miner in (2) granted relief?
- (4) Have any miners that have sought royalty relief been refused such relief?
- (5) If yes to (4), what are the names of the miner or miners refused relief?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, I advise —

- (1)–(5) The Minister for Mines and Petroleum has received initial applications from a number of iron ore mining companies for temporary financial assistance. All applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis through a comprehensive analysis overseen by an independent probity auditor. The minister is yet to make a determination about which applicants should receive this assistance.