

ENVIRONMENT — VASSE COAL PROJECT

3999. Mr C.J. Tallentire to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Further to Question on Notice No. 1847, did the Minister for Environment make the decision that the Vasse Coal project should not be implemented or was it “the Government” as stated in the Minister’s answer?
- (2) Who were the decision-making authorities?
- (3) Did all decision-making authorities agree that the proposal should not be implemented?
- (4) Which, if any, decision-making authorities did not agree that the proposal should not be implemented?
- (5) Under what section and clause of the *Environmental Protection Act* was the decision made?

Mr A.P. Jacob replied:

- (1) The decision was made by the Governor on the recommendation of Cabinet.
- (2) The Ministers who were decision-making authorities were the Minister for Environment; the Minister for Mines and Petroleum; the Minister for Planning; and the Minister for Transport.
- (3) No
- (4) The Minister for Mines and Petroleum.
- (5) Section 45(2) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.