

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT — CHIEF OF STAFF — CONFLICT OF INTEREST

572. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Which Hancock Prospecting-related issues are currently being dealt with in the minister's portfolio?
- (2) In relation to the senior officer to whom any matters related to Hancock Prospecting will be delegated, what is that officer's name, position and classification, and for how long has this officer been in the minister's office?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Environment has provided me with the following advice —

- (1) The following Hancock Prospecting-related issues are currently being considered by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, the Environmental Protection Authority or the Department of Environment and Conservation within my portfolio: change to ministerial statement 824—Roy Hill 1 iron ore mining stage 1—section 46 change to conditions regarding surface water diversions; change to ministerial statement 829—Roy Hill 1 iron ore mining stage 2—section 46 change to conditions regarding surface water diversions; change to ministerial statement 584—Hope Downs iron ore mine—section 46 change to conditions regarding discharge of water to Weeli Wolli Spring; change to ministerial statement 584—Hope Downs iron ore mine—section 45C change to proposal regarding discharge of water to Weeli Wolli Spring; change to ministerial statement 584—Hope Downs iron ore mine—section 45C change to proposal regarding mining rate and disturbance footprint; change to ministerial statement 584—Hope Downs iron ore mine—section 45C change to proposal regarding realignment of infrastructure corridor and redevelopment of groundwater bores; ministerial statement 847—Roy Hill Infrastructure railway—condition 9-1 cultural heritage management plan; ministerial statement 847—Roy Hill Infrastructure railway—final alignment plan 2; ministerial statement 847—Roy Hill Infrastructure railway—final alignment plan 3; ministerial statement 858—Roy Hill iron ore project, port infrastructure—dust management plan; ministerial statement 858—Roy Hill iron ore project, port infrastructure—mangrove health monitoring plan; and ministerial statement 854—Hope Downs 4 iron ore mine—condition 11-1 acid rock drainage and geochemical risk assessment.

DEC provides advice to the OEPA and, in addition, DEC is in discussions with Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd regarding an offset requirement as a result of a federal approvals process.

- (2) All work-related dealings with Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd are delegated to Jason Foster, senior adviser, level 7, who has worked as a ministerial adviser since August 2009.