

SINO IRON PROJECT — MINE CONTINUATION PROPOSALS — KARRATHA

1316. Hon ROBIN SCOTT to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Will the Premier confirm the accuracy or otherwise of a report in *The West Australian* of Friday, 13 November, which stated —
 ... Premier Mark McGowan threatened to intervene in the long-running stoush between —
 Clive Palmer —
 ... and his estranged Chinese business partner in a bid to protect workers at one of WA's biggest iron ore mines.
- (2) Will the Premier confirm that maximum caution will be exercised in any consideration of amending the Iron Ore Processing (Mineralogy Pty. Ltd.) Agreement Act 2002?
- (3) Has the Premier's office received any request or requests from Mineralogy Pty Ltd to meet or to discuss prospective changes to the state agreement; and, if so, will the Premier table such requests and the replies?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) I refer the member to comments made by the Premier in the other place on Thursday, 29 November 2018, and I table a copy of the *Hansard* accordingly.

[See paper 2304.]

- (3) Yes, the Premier has received requests to meet with Mineralogy Pty Ltd. To date, a suitable meeting time has not been found. A meeting was agreed on, in March 2018, between Mineralogy Pty Ltd and the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. However, this meeting was cancelled at Mr Palmer's request.