

GRIFFIN COAL — LIQUIDATOR

1214. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to my question without notice 1044 of 14 September 2023 regarding consultants engaged by and paid by government in relation to the insolvent Griffin Coal.

The PRESIDENT: Just one moment. Your microphone went off.

Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS: I am being censored, President!

The PRESIDENT: I doubt that very much, Leader of the Opposition; that would be almost impossible.

Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS: I will continue.

- (1) On what date did the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation engage Preston Consulting to provide advice on rehabilitation matters?
- (2) What is the value of the contract with Preston Consulting, and for what applicable time frame?
- (3) What is the specific scope of Preston Consulting contract pertaining to Griffin Coal, and what key performance indicators are associated with the contract?
- (4) Who or whom does Preston Consulting directly and indirectly report to in government under the terms of the rehabilitation contract?
- (5) Will the minister table the contract between Preston Consulting and the government in the house; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of this question.

- (1) It was 19 June 2023.
- (2)–(4) The value of the contract was \$207 757, including GST. Preston Consulting was engaged for an 11-week period and provided a report to the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation on 1 September 2023 regarding rehabilitation at the Griffin Coal mine site.
- (5) The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation requires further time to consult with Preston Consulting regarding its contract, and asks that the member put the question on notice.