

STATE AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT, JOBS AND TRADE —
FLINDERS IRON ORE — BBI RAIL AGREEMENT

1740. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the minister representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the proposal to develop the Flinders Mine as the Flinders Iron Ore Project in the Pilbara as a mine, rail and port project, including the BBI Rail Agreement which was due to expire on 30 of September 2023, and I ask:

- (a) has the BBI Rail Agreement expired or was it extended;
- (b) if it was extended, did the company meet all the criteria required for the extension including financial criteria;
- (c) if it was not extended, what alternative proposal has been put forward to move iron ore from the Flinders Mine; and
- (d) when is the first iron ore expected to be shipped from the Flinders Iron Ore Project?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) The timeframe for submission of detailed proposals under the *Railway (BBI Rail Aus Pty Ltd) Agreement 2017* expired on 30 September 2023.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c)–(d) Red Hawk Mining Limited owns the *Mining Act 1978* lease that supports the mining project. The company is progressing a contract mining and trucking proposal with a target of first ore to market in 2025, subject to feasibility studies, financing, and approvals.