

GRIFFIN COAL

**60. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:**

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I refer to the Premier's statement to *The West Australian* on 7 February 2023 in an article titled "McGowan 'can't rule out' more bailouts for Collie coal mine".

- (1) How much more undisclosed and unaccounted for taxpayers' money will this government pump into the failed foreign-owned Griffin Coal Mining Company?
- (2) Will the government show a semblance of transparency and acknowledge this extraordinary Griffin taxpayer bailout is akin to the Labor Party's Rothwells debacle?
- (3) Will the government now admit to the taxpayers of Western Australia the abject failure of its piecemeal energy policy, which will create an untenable and unacceptable volatility in the state's power grid?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. As the minister representing the minister for state development, I provide the following response.

- (1)–(3) It is the government's firm belief that Griffin Coal and its receivers should come to a commercial arrangement with its customers to pay a fair price for coal, as this would ensure longer term stable operations and support the state's energy system. The commercial parties have not yet done so, requiring the state government to take a proactive approach and seek a solution that guarantees stability of operations, worker entitlements, environmental obligations and a stable energy system. The government will not put the stability of our energy system at risk. We will continue to work with the receiver/managers, and where future financial support might arise, we will inform the public.