

GOLD CORPORATION — MANAGEMENT

Statement by Minister for Mines and Petroleum

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington — Minister for Mines and Petroleum) [9.23 am]: I am very pleased to inform the house that Gold Corporation has a new chief executive officer. From 20 November 2023, Mr Paul Graham will take the reins, following the departure of Jason Waters. Mr Graham is an accomplished executive leader with more than 30 years' experience in financial and commodity markets. He has broad experience in government, most recently as the CEO of Keystart. As members know, Keystart is a transitional lender owned by the WA government. Under Mr Graham's leadership, Keystart has helped thousands of Western Australians get into their own homes. Mr Graham has overseen Keystart's transformation into a modern digital business, which will hold him in good stead at Gold Corporation. Mr Graham will continue the process of modernisation commenced by Jason Waters, including the implementation of Gold Corporation's fully funded anti-money laundering remediation program. Mr Graham brings a valuable skill set to Gold Corporation, and I am very pleased to have him on board.

Finally, I thank Jason Waters for his leadership of Gold Corporation. Mr Waters' achievements as CEO are formidable. He has worked proactively to address historical issues and has commenced the process of modernising Gold Corporation. Gold Corporation has faced some significant challenges over the past 18 months, which Jason has handled with focus and professionalism. One aspect that I particularly appreciated was Jason's concern for the wellbeing of the 700 Western Australians who work at Gold Corporation, who endured relentless criticism from some quarters, often without evidence. Jason's service at Gold Corporation capped off a long career in WA's public sector, including eight years as CEO of Synergy. I congratulate Jason on his achievements, and I wish him all the best for his future endeavours.