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GOLD CORPORATION — PRIVATISATION

835. Hon JAMES HAYWARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the ownership and review of Gold Corporation.

- (1) Noting the Labor government's ideological opposition to privatising public assets, will the minister rule out privatising Gold Corporation?
- (2) If no to (1), can the minister confirm that privatisation of public assets can be of benefit to Western Australian taxpayers?
- (3) If yes to (2), what other public assets is the government considering privatising?
- (4) Has the minister liaised with the Minister for Energy over the possible privatisation of Western Power?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following response, which I provide on behalf of the parliamentary secretary, has been provided by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

- (1)–(3) The independent options analysis for Gold Corporation is still underway and no decisions have been made in relation to the ownership structure of Gold Corporation.
- (4) The previous Liberal–National government's possible privatisation of Western Power was scrapped by the Labor government following the 2017 state election.