

GRIFFIN COAL

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

It seems like “Super Thursday” today! I refer to my question without notice 177 of 14 March 2023 pertaining to the negotiations of the extension of the Collie Coal (Griffin) state agreement, which is due to expire at the end of June 2023.

- (1) With whom from ICICI Bank has the government been negotiating with on the Griffin state agreement?
- (2) On what dates did these meetings occur and who represented the state at these negotiations?
- (3) What were the commitments and agreed outcomes between the state of Western Australia and ICICI that were flagged at the meetings?
- (4) What records, minutes or documentation of the meetings were compiled and will the minister table to the house all records; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) Discussions with the ICICI Bank have been general in nature and were not for the purpose of negotiation. The representatives from ICICI were Mr Anjan Pal and Mr Tamojit Mondal of ICICI Bank.
- (2) These meetings were not for the purpose of negotiation. The Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade last met with ICICI Bank representatives on 7 November 2022 in person at the minister’s office. Officers from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet last met with ICICI Bank representatives on 9 February 2023 in person at Dumas House.
- (3) There were no commitments from either party. Government agreed to continue to provide updates to ICICI Bank as appropriate.
- (4) The discussions were general in nature and no specific agreements or outcomes were reached.