

GRIFFIN COAL

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

I refer to my question without notice 104 of 21 February 2023 pertaining to “fair” coal pricing.

- (1) When will the government make a decision on extending to Synergy coal supplier, Premier Coal, an equivalent coal pricing revision in parity with the increased Griffin Coal fair coal pricing?
- (2) As at 13 March 2023, what modelling, analysis or cost determinations has the government formulated in establishing a fair price for coal?
- (3) What time frame has the state imposed on itself for the determination of what is a fair price for coal?
- (4) Will the minister table the governments flow-on costs implications modelling for the end users based on establishing and applying its fair price for coal; and, if not, why not?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade.

- (1) Synergy’s coal pricing arrangements are commercial-in-confidence.
- (2)–(4) The government has not set —

**Hon Dr Steve Thomas:** A gold-standard transparency!

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON:** Does the Leader of the Opposition want this answer or not?

**Hon Dr Steve Thomas:** Yes, sorry.

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON:** The government has not set a fair price, but expects that a fair price is paid that reflects the true costs of production. The Griffin Coal receivers and managers have made assessments of what the current cost of production is and have engaged mining consultants to assist in mine planning and cost forecasts.