

GRIFFIN COAL — LIQUIDATOR

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

This question was asked a week ago, so it should still be relevant. I refer to my questions without notice 584, 665 and 686 of June 2023 that revealed the staggering 20 per cent blowout in liquidator grants in addition to the unprecedented \$19.5 million grant to the receivers and managers of the insolvent Griffin Coal.

- (1) As at 8 August 2023, what additional taxpayer money in excess of the original \$19.5 million grant have been provided to the receiver and managers of the insolvent Griffin Coal?
- (2) On what dates did the drawdowns occur, what were the specific amounts, and for what purpose and to what entities, individuals, businesses or contractors were the payments made?
- (3) In the last 10 months and as at 8 August 2023, how many financial assistance agreements have been executed between the state and Griffin Coal, and what are the financial values and variations of the additional FAAs and on what dates were they executed?
- (4) What is the total amount of payments the government has paid to the receivers and managers of Griffin Coal?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. This answer is current as at 8 August 2023.

- (1)–(2) Consistent with the answer to Legislative Council question without notice 584 asked on 13 June 2023, the government has provided a total of \$23.2 million to the receivers and managers of Griffin Coal. This is comprised of \$7.3 million in March 2023, \$9.7 million in May 2023 and \$6.2 million in June 2023 in order to support continued mining operations.
- (3) Two financial assistance agreements have been executed between the state and the receivers and managers of Griffin Coal. They were executed on 11 January 2023 and 19 May 2023 respectively.
- (4) The payments totalled \$23.2 million.