

GRIFFIN COAL — AD ASTRA CORPORATE ADVISORY

1472. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Treasurer:

I refer to the letter of engagement signed by Ad Astra Corporate Advisory on 5 April 2023, as successful tenderer in Treasury's public commercial and economic advisory services panel tender TREAS20010, to conduct negotiations with the insolvent and foreign-owned Griffin Coal.

- (1) What is the hourly rate apportioned to the Ad Astra–Griffin contract as per the commercial and economic advisory services contract?
- (2) Since 5 April 2023 to date —
 - (a) how many billing hours has Ad Astra invoiced the state in relation to its negotiations with Griffin Coal;
 - (b) how many Ad Astra employees or operatives have been engaged in or have contributed to negotiations with Griffin Coal; and
 - (c) has Ad Astra engaged with Ashurst or the State Solicitor's Office in any format or capacity pertaining to the insolvent Griffin Coal?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Treasurer.

- (1)–(2) Advice is being sought on the legal, probity and confidentiality issues around the release of this information.