

**IRON ORE ROYALTIES**

*Amendment to Notice of Motion*

**Hon Dr Steve Thomas (Leader of the Opposition)** gave notice, pursuant to standing order 62(a), of an amended form of motion 15, Government Budget Surplus, as follows —

That this house —

- (1) notes that —
  - (a) the 2023–24 *Government mid-year financial projections statement*, also called the midyear review, released in December 2023 has again shown that the Cook Labor government has underestimated state revenue for this financial year, especially iron ore royalties revenue;
  - (b) the latest figures are again predicting a multibillion dollar surplus for Western Australia; and
  - (c) Western Australian residents and families continue to struggle with higher costs of living while the Cook Labor government continues to roll in and flaunt its wealth, which it owes to high international iron ore prices rather than its own financial management.
- (2) calls on the Cook Labor government to urgently do more for struggling Western Australian residents and families.