

GRIFFIN COAL — CONSULTANTS

1273. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to the government's ineffective outsourcing to find a solution to the ticking time bomb that is the insolvent Griffin Coal via its engagement of advisers and consultants, including KPMG, Sternship Advisers, Ad Astra and Preston Consulting.

- (1) As at 16 October 2023, has any government ministry, department, agency or entity engaged consultants or advisers regarding the provision of advice pertaining to the insolvent Griffin Coal, apart from those listed in the question?
- (2) If yes to (1), who are the consultants or advisers; when were they contracted and for what purpose; and which government departments or agencies were party to the contracts?
- (3) What is the value and allocated time frames of the contract?
- (4) Do the contracts have a financial cap; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

The premise of the question is incorrect and it is disappointing that the honourable member is not supportive of the government's approach to ensuring the security of WA's energy supply.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The State Solicitor's Office briefed Ashurst on 2 December 2022 to provide specialist legal services to the state in relation to this matter.
- (3)–(4) The State Solicitor's Office and Ashurst are providing legal services under a partnering arrangement. The value and duration of the Ashurst agreement is dependent on the legal services required and the allocation of legal services between the State Solicitor's Office and Ashurst, as determined by the State Solicitor's Office.