

GRIFFIN COAL

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

I refer to my question without notice 233 of 15 March 2023 and the government’s now rephrased “expectation” that a “fair” price is paid that reflects the true costs of production.

- (1) Will the minister outline and detail the government’s expectations in relation to the proposed fair pricing matrix for Griffin Coal?
- (2) What modelling has been undertaken on the government’s expectations of fair pricing for Griffin Coal, and who undertook this modelling?
- (3) Will the minister table in the house all government modelling of its expectation of a fair price for Griffin Coal; and, if not, why not?
- (4) Has the government formulated an expectation for a fair price for Premier Coal in its contractual supply to Synergy; and, if not, why not?

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 Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade.

- (1)–(4) The government expects that Griffin Coal’s customers pay a fair price that reflects the true costs of production. The Griffin Coal receivers and managers have made an assessment of the current cost of production and have engaged mining consultants to assist in mine planning and cost forecasts. This work is ongoing and commercially sensitive to the parties. Synergy’s coal pricing arrangements are commercial-in-confidence.