

GRIFFIN COAL — LIQUIDATOR

1346. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the minister representing the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to my question without notice 1241 of 17 October 2023 on the responsibility for rehabilitation costs associated with the previous and current operations of the insolvent Griffin Coal.

- (1) Does the minister agree with the former member for Collie and partner in Pumped Hydro Collie, Mick Murray, when he said on ABC radio on 26 October "... taxpayers are on the hook for about \$400 million if this project doesn't go ahead, because the Govt will need to rehabilitate the mine site; Griffin Coal don't have the money to rehabilitate"?
- (2) If no to (1), who is responsible for the rehabilitation?
- (3) Is the \$400 million figure accurate or underestimated?
- (4) Has the government been provided any advice on projected costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Griffin operation by any of the myriad consultants and advisers engaged by the government in the last 18 months?
- (5) If yes to (4), when was the advice given, what were the projected costs and will the government table the advice to the house; and, if not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. I am advised that an answer will be provided the question on Wednesday, 8 November 2023.