

GRIFFIN COAL

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

I refer to my question without notice 30 of 14 February 2023 pertaining to the extraordinary \$19.5 million grant to Griffin Coal.

- (1) On what date did the state of WA and Griffin's managers and receivers sign the financial assistance agreement?
- (2) What are the specific categories in the signed FAA, and who determined the scope of the categories?
- (3) What are the reporting time frames within the FAA, and what detail or level of information is required in the reporting time frames?
- (4) Will the minister table the FAA to the house to provide gold-standard transparency and accountability on taxpayer funds; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services.

- (1)–(4) The FAA was executed on 11 January 2023. In providing funding, it was the government's intention to support the ongoing operations of Griffin Coal. The FAA was drafted to support this intention, including through funding for equipment repairs and contract costs for winter preparations. The state determined the scope of the categories in consultation with Griffin's receivers.

Griffin's receivers must provide all relevant supporting information before the government will provide payment under the FAA. Supporting information required for payments under the FAA is consistent with the normal standard of detail required for government payments, including details of expenditure and invoices.