

GRIFFIN COAL — LIQUIDATOR

1271. 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 991 on 12 September 2023 on the execution of financial assistance agreements between the state and the Griffin Coal Mining Company, the first on 11 January 2023 and amended 19 May 2023, and a further “process agreement” on 14 August 2023.

- (1) With whom and on what dates was advice provided to government that a “process agreement” should usurp the previous executed and amended FAAs with the state and Griffin Coal?
- (2) Will the minister table to the house all the advice, including legal, that government received in the strengthening of a FAA to a “process agreement” with Griffin Coal?
- (3) If not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) Senior public servants recommended the process agreement as an appropriate mechanism, based on commercial and legal advice.
- (2)–(3) No. The process agreement is confidential and commercially sensitive and it is not appropriate to table advice relating to it.