

GRIFFIN COAL

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

I refer to my question without notice 31 of 15 February 2023 about the payment to Griffin Coal's administrators/receivers and the minister's answer to (4) that states —

It is not expected that the payments will be recovered from Griffin Coal but will be recovered from new commercial arrangements that are yet to be resolved and put in place.

- (1) Given that the minister suggested that Griffin Coal will not provide the recovered payments, is he suggesting a different entity will own and/or manage the current Griffin Coal-owned mine?
- (2) Is the government predicting or preparing for a change in ownership of Griffin Coal?
- (3) If yes to (2), what changes are being predicted or prepared for?
- (4) Given the Collie Coal (Griffin) state agreement is due in such a short time frame, with which of the current owners, administrators or liquidators of Griffin Coal is the government prepared to accept a new agreement?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(4) Commercial discussions between the state and Griffin Coal's receivers, lenders and customers are ongoing. The government will provide an update on a preferred approach once commercial discussions are further progressed.