

GRIFFIN COAL

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

I refer to the answer to question without notice 91 asked on 21 February 2023, which states “the government has met with representatives of ICICI Bank and Oceania Resources as lenders to Griffin Coal” to negotiate the extension of the Collie Coal (Griffin) state agreement, which is due to expire at the end of June 2023.

- (1) Did the government meet with the director of Oceania Resources, Mr Dev Sindhu, as a part of these negotiations?
- (2) Does the director of Oceania Resources, Mr Dev Sindhu, have a management role at the current Griffin Coal operations?
- (3) If yes to (2), what operational role does he have?
- (4) If no to (2), is Mr Sindhu’s role in the negotiations purely as a lender?
- (5) If Griffin Coal were wound up, would the Oceania Resources loan to Griffin Coal have priority over and above debt owed to ICICI Bank, Certane CT Pty Ltd or local unsecured creditors?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

Again, I thank the Leader of the Opposition for some notice of the question. I do not have the answer to that. I do not recall seeing that question today. The advisers are watching, so if it has been lodged and the answer is available, I will provide it at the end of question time.