

GOLD CORPORATION

425. Hon JAMES HAYWARD to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the answers provided to recent questions regarding Gold Corporation.

- (1) Can the minister confirm the board of Gold Corporation is to make all decisions according to prudent commercial principles as per the Gold Corporation Act?
- (2) Has the minister misled the Parliament in his answer to question without notice 316 in which the Parliament was advised that the 2021 decision to ensure a minimum average gold content of 99.996 per cent was not a commercial decision taken by Gold Corporation?
- (3) Noting the significant brand damage suffered by the Perth Mint under the McGowan Labor government, will the minister commit to full transparency to rehabilitate the Perth Mint brand, including the public release of all relevant board minutes to rebuild customer confidence?
- (4) If no to (3), can the minister confirm the brand reputation of the McGowan Labor government is more important to Western Australia than the brand reputation of the Perth Mint?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.

- (1) The Gold Corporation Act 1987 provides that the board shall perform its functions in accordance with prudent commercial principles.
- (2) No. Refer to Legislative Council question without notice 342.
- (3)–(4) The honourable member is stating an opinion rather than asking a question. In relation to board minutes, refer to Legislative Council question without notice 316.