

MINES AND PETROLEUM — NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES

2596. Hon Diane Evers to the minister representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

- (1) Will the Minister please list all National Parks and Nature Reserves in Western Australia under sections 5(1)(c) and 5(1)(g) of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984*, for which exploration licences or mining leases have been approved or are pending, including details of the park/reserve, the date approved and the name of the applicant?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the Minister please list all other reserves vested with the Conservation Commission, for which exploration licences or mining leases have been approved or are pending?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Will the Minister rule out allowing excisions, explorations or mining activities in any conservation reserves in this or the next term of Government?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

Hon Alannah MacTiernan replied:

- (1) [See tabled paper no 3443.]
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) [See tabled paper no 3443.]
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5)–(6) Part III Division 2 of the Mining Act 1978 identifies Public reserves etc and Commonwealth land as land open for mining. The Reserve land provisions of the Mining Act prescribe the consent requirements for mining on reserve land. The holder of a mining tenement in respect of reserve land must not carry out mining on, or under the land otherwise than in accordance with the consent requirements.