

ILUKA RESOURCES — TUTUNUP SOUTH MINERAL SANDS MINE

345. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

I refer the minister to the proposal by Iluka Resources Ltd to develop and operate a mineral sands mine at Tutunup south.

- (1) Has the minister met with Iluka Resources regarding its mining application?
- (2) As the Environmental Protection Authority report has been with the minister since the beginning of the year, when will she make her decision?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question.

- (1)-(2) No, I have not met with Iluka Resources. As the member has rightly pointed out, the Environmental Protection Authority released its report on 5 January. That report has not reached my desk at this stage, because it is currently with the Appeals Convener. I understand that there are a number of appeals. I have, however, spoken to the Appeals Convener, and I understand that he is in the process of finalising his report, and I should receive that in the next few weeks.