

MURCHISON HYDROGEN RENEWABLES

1175. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I refer to the media release of 21 December 2021 from the Minister for Hydrogen Industry granting lead agency status to the Murchison Hydrogen Renewables project on Murchison House station, north of Geraldton.

- (1) Does Toolonga Mineral Sand Pty Ltd have an existing exploration licence for the area on which Murchison Hydrogen Renewables proposes to put its project?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the expiration date of that exploration licence?
- (3) Is the government seeking to advantage Murchison Hydrogen Renewables over Toolonga Mineral Sand Pty Ltd for the use of the location?
- (4) What negotiations has the government entered into with Toolonga Mineral Sand Pty Ltd on the issue?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No.
- (4) None.