

LYNAS RARE EARTHS PROJECT, KALGOORLIE — ENERGY AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

486. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. I thank the Premier for advising that he has met with them. What is the government doing to address the specific concerns that there is a lack of energy and water treatment and supply infrastructure in the goldfields to guarantee the continued growth of the Lynas project?

Visitors — Jamukurnu-Yapalikurnu Aboriginal Corporation and Martu Prescribed Body Corporate

Mr R.H. COOK: This is slightly unconventional, but I am meant to acknowledge the chairman of the Jamukurnu-Yapalikurnu Aboriginal Corporation, Mr Simon Frank, and directors of the Martu Prescribed Body Corporate in the Speaker's gallery. It is great to have you with us today.

[Applause.]

The SPEAKER: Members, with your indulgence I might, too, acknowledge the chairman, Simon Frank, and the directors of the Martu PBC.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that the Goldfields–Esperance Development Commission has done a significant amount of work to map what we need to do to make sure that we have the investments in place. We understand that there are constraints in the goldfields, particularly around housing and issues to do with water, power and industrial estates. My government will continue to work with industry to make sure that it can make confident investment decisions. We are bringing jobs to Western Australians. We are bringing prosperity to Western Australia through the advanced manufacturing and refining of critical minerals and rare earths. We are continuing to make sure that Western Australia is a global leader in the transition to a clean, green energy future.