

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS — MINING PROJECTS

491. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

At what stage are environmental assessments and approvals for the following projects —

- (a) Hope Downs joint venture;
- (b) Roy Hill 1; and
- (c) Nicholas Downs?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (a) The Environmental Protection Authority released its report on the Hope Downs 1 proposal in August 2001, and ministerial approval was granted in February 2002. The EPA released its report on the Hope Downs 4 proposal in December 2010 and ministerial approval was granted in February 2011.
- (b) The EPA released its report on the Roy Hill 1 stage 1 proposal in November 2009, and ministerial approval was granted in December 2009. The EPA released its report on the Roy Hill 1 stage 2 proposal in December 2009 and ministerial approval was granted in April 2010.
- (c) The EPA has not received a referral for the Nicholas Downs project.