

ALCOA — BAUXITE

29. Hon DIANE EVERS to the minister representing the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to question without notice 279 regarding Alcoa of Australia Ltd's export of raw bauxite from the state.

- (1) Has Alcoa requested an increase in the amount of raw bauxite per annum it is allowed to export?
- (2) If yes to (1), has it been considered and what was the result?
- (3) If no to (1), has Alcoa provided any indication that it will request this within the next two years, and will the minister consult with the community prior to making any decisions?
- (4) Has Alcoa requested an extension beyond the five-year period approved at the time of asking the question?
- (5) If yes to (3), has it been considered and what was the result?
- (6) If no to (1), has Alcoa provided any indication that it will request this within the next two years, and will the minister consult with the community prior to making any decisions?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. I can provide the following information.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) and (6) Alcoa has not formally requested an extension. The company is currently undergoing a formal assessment at a public environmental review level under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 for its possible bauxite export. Community consultation is a formal part of the PER process.
- (4) No.
- (5) Not applicable.