

ALCOA — BAUXITE

83. Hon DIANE EVERS to the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade:

I refer to Alcoa's recent application—EPA assessment 2253—to directly exploit 2.5 million tonnes of bauxite each year.

- (1) Will the minister please advise how much jarrah forest will be cleared to produce 2.5 million tonnes of bauxite; and, if not, why not?
- (2) What will be the economic cost in loss of habitat, social surroundings and biodiversity of the areas to be cleared?
- (3) What is the estimated revenue per annum that the state will earn from bauxite royalties associated with the 2.5 million tonnes of bauxite?
- (4) Will the minister please table working arrangement documents mentioned in the referral regarding the management of mine operations between —
 - (a) Alcoa and the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions; and
 - (b) the Water Corporation and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade.

Further time is required to answer this question, and the information will be provided to the member by 13 May 2021.