

MINERALOGY PTY LTD PROJECT — ENVIRONMENTAL BOND

626. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

- (1) Will the minister outline all informal contact she or her office has had with either Minister Moore, Minister Grylls, the Premier or their offices regarding Clive Palmer's request to avoid a prolonged appeals process in relation to the \$45 million environmental bond?
- (2) On what date were any such discussions had?
- (3) What was the content of such discussions?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) I had no informal discussions on this matter with Minister Moore, Minister Grylls, the Premier or members of their staff in relation to this matter. However, as outlined in my answer to question without notice 590 on Tuesday, 7 September 2010, consistent with section 45(1) of the Environmental Protection Act, I consulted relevant decision making authorities about whether the proposal should be implemented and the conditions to which the proposal should be subject. This included formal consultation with the Ministers for Mines and Petroleum, State Development, Indigenous Affairs, and Water. As indicated in my response on Tuesday, correspondence was also forwarded to my office from the Minister for Regional Development; Lands. With respect to my staff, I am advised that Minister Grylls did briefly mention this issue to my chief of staff towards the end of last year.
- (3) I am advised that the brief exchange between the two was around Mineralogy and its concerns with the environmental approvals process, to which my chief of staff indicated she was aware of their concerns, as a letter from Mineralogy had been sent to me on 6 October 2009.