

RESOURCES COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVE — CONSULTATION

**803. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I note that answers provided at and after recent budget estimates hearings have confirmed that neither Department of the Premier and Cabinet nor Treasury officials attended any of the meetings or conversations between former Premier Hon Mark McGowan and the foundation partners of the resources community investment initiative prior to the public announcement of the scheme in November 2022.

- (1) When was either department informed about the proposed creation of the RCII scheme?
- (2) Did the former Premier advocate for the RCII scheme as a solitary pursuit or was he supported by his ministerial staff during these meetings or conversations?
- (3) Were the details of these meetings or conversations recorded and by whom?
- (4) On which dates preceding the public launch of the RCII did these meetings or conversations occur?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) The Department of Treasury and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet were informed of the plans of the RCII concept in late 2021 and provided extensive input into the governance arrangements for the initiative prior to its announcement on 22 November 2022. Meetings and conversations with foundation companies occurred from late April 2022. The former Premier was supported in meetings by ministerial staff.