

MINERAL SANDS AND TANTALUM MINING — REGULATORY REGIME

1035. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Environment:

Is the minister confident that the regulatory regime currently in place for the mining of mineral sands and tantalum adequately addresses the regulatory requirements for the mining of uranium?

Hon DONNA FARAGHER replied:

I thank the member for her question. It is a very strange question. I am responsible for making assessments of the environmental aspect of proposals. I look at each project on its merits after I receive advice from the Environmental Protection Authority, regardless of whether it is a project for mineral sands or uranium.