

MINERALS EXPLORATION LICENCE — TONEBRIDGE

575. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the application to explore for minerals E70/5671 near Tonebridge and the letter from the Denmark Environment Centre to the Minister for Environment, written on 31 March 2022.

- (1) Has the minister received this letter?
- (2) Has the minister responded to this letter; and, if so, when?
- (3) Has the minister given his concurrence to export minerals from A-class reserve 47879; and —
 - (a) if yes to (3) will the minister need to refer the granting of the exploration licence to both houses of Parliament; and
 - (b) if yes to (3)(a), what conditions have been applied to the exploration application?
- (4) Have any exploration licences been granted in a class A reserve or a national park in the past five years; and, if so, where and when?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I answer on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Environment. I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Environment.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(3) No.
- (4) This question should be directed to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum.