

LOT 350 — KALGOORLIE

**286. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to lot 350 in the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder.

- (1) Did the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder initiate a crown land inquiry for lot 350 on 23 October 2018 with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, and also notify the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety of its application on the same day?
- (2) Has the city been in regular contact with government agencies, including DPLH, DMIRS and the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation since lodging its crown land inquiry on lot 350?
- (3) Was the city provided with a flowchart by JTSI, developed in collaboration with DPLH and DMIRS, on 8 May 2020, mapping out the state and city processes for lot 350 and lot 500 to address mining tenure and to provide the city with a lease for lot 350, and is the minister aware that the city followed the flowchart in good faith, as provided?
- (4) Did DPLH and the city reach agreement on a draft lease template for lot 350 and draft sublease template for the Eastern Goldfields Mining Company Pty Ltd in late August 2020?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for the question, and I apologise: some of the information that was given to me yesterday in relation to a question on a similar matter was incorrect. I apologise to the member and to the house. The following information has been given to me by the Minister for Lands.

- (1)–(3) The Minister for Lands is aware that the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage received a crown land inquiry from the City of Kalgoorlie for lot 350 on 23 October 2018. I clarify that that was not in 2020. The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has been in regular contact with the city. For information related to agencies other than DPLH, the member should refer his questions to the appropriate minister.
- (4) The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage regrettably provided an incorrect response to part (1) of yesterday's question without notice 263. The department had reached an agreement with the city on a draft lease template for lot 350, and a draft sublease template for Eastern Goldfields Mining Company Pty Ltd. However, as the member should be aware, while negotiations can be undertaken at officer level, the final decision on the disposition of land lies with the Minister for Lands. In this case, given the outcomes of the industrial lands study, the decision has been made that the land will be developed by DevelopmentWA as a strategic development area. The minister says that he apologises to the house for the error.

Several members interjected.

**The PRESIDENT:** Order!