

RENEWABLE ENERGY — SECTION 91 LICENCES

1158. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to questions without notice 1041 and 1060 on the issuance of section 91 licences to Province Resources Ltd.

- (1) Did the minister consult with the pastoral industry concerning reserve 6084, which is held for the purpose of a resting place for travelling stock?
- (2) Noting the management order is held in favour of the Shire of Carnarvon, did the minister seek the shire's approval and was that approval granted?
- (3) Have any other renewable energy proponents indicated an interest over the same areas of land listed in "Annexure B, land description of licence area", either in writing or verbally to the minister or his representatives?
- (4) Will the minister consider offering other proponents the same rights under concurrent section 91 licences, or is the licence to Province Resources an exclusive licence?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I hope this is not cash for questions! I thank the member for the question. The Minister for Lands has provided the following information.

- (1) No.
- (2) The Minister for Lands, via the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, consulted with the Shire of Carnarvon as part of the standard due diligence process.

Hon Neil Thomson: Approval?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN: He consulted with the Shire of Carnarvon as part of the standard due diligence process. The shire was supportive of the licence granted to Province Resources, and I can confirm that from my personal experience. They are highly supportive.

- (3) No.
- (4) Yes. The licence granted to Province Resources is non-exclusive. Further licence applications will be considered on merit and subject to the department's standard due diligence processes.