

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Thursday, 3 May 2018

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the last time the Resources Roundtable and the Resources Community Roundtable met, (b) the recommendations/action items that were made by the Roundtable and (c) the actions that have been implemented as a result of these meetings?

ANSWER:

The former Resources Ministerial Roundtable and Resources Community Roundtable last met on 31 May 2017 and 23 February 2017 respectively.

These meetings were instrumental in gaining direct feedback, testing strategic policy directions, progressing priority actions and collaboratively developing solutions with stakeholders—whose input contributed to the development of a number of strategic initiatives including:

- reform of the financial assurance framework for mine rehabilitation
- a blueprint for the North West Minerals Province
- the exploration programs, including early engagement to inform communities and industry
- the creation of the role of Land Access Ombudsman as an alternative avenue for dispute resolution.

Under their terms of reference, both roundtables ended on 31 December 2017.

I intend to announce new roundtable arrangements for this term of government in the near future.