

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** WA royalties by the Leader of the WA Nationals

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ketter

**QUESTION No.:** SI-133

1. During the supplementary estimates hearing for Program 2.4 – Resources, on 20 October 2016, when asked what analysis the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the Department) had done on the impact of the proposed change to WA royalties by the Leader of the WA Nationals, the Head of the Resources Division, Mr Bruce Wilson, said that the Department had undertaken a preliminary analysis of the proposed change.

Please provide a copy of this analysis and any further analysis that has been completed since.

2. Will the Minister please provide details of any conversations, emails, SMS, Whatsapp messages, phone calls, correspondence or meetings between himself or his staff and the Leader of the WA Nationals or his staff regarding the proposed change to WA royalties in the past two months?

- a) On what dates did those conversations occur?
- b) What was the content and conclusion of those conversations?

**ANSWER**

- 1. The preliminary analysis conducted by the department utilised information of a commercial-in-confidence nature which was included in a Ministerial information brief. This information cannot be released on these grounds.
- 2. See answer to SI-44.