

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 19 November 2013

Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Mines and Petroleum

I refer to the recent decision in the Western Australian Supreme Court by Justice James Edelman in the matter of CITIC Pacific Mining and Mineralogy and ask:

1. Are royalties paid to the state in respect of the Sino Iron magnetite project by CITIC Pacific Mining or Mineralogy and at what rate?
 2. Are royalties paid to Mineralogy in respect of the Sino Iron magnetite by CITIC Pacific Mining and at what rate?
 3. If yes to either 1.) or 2.) have royalty payments commenced?
 4. Have exports of magnetite now commenced at Cape Preston?
 5. If no to 4.) why not?
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I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum advises:

1. Royalties will be paid to the State Government at the standard magnetite rate of 5%.
2. This is a commercial matter between the companies.
3. Royalty payments to the State Government have not commenced.
4. No
5. I understand there are contractual disputes between the companies.

