

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Wednesday, 16 October 2019**

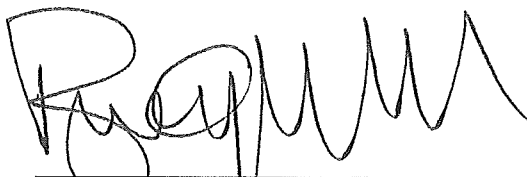
**C1268. Hon Peter Collier to the Minister for Environment representing the Treasurer**

I refer to question without notice C1241 asked on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and I ask:

1. If the Treasurer is referring to page 15, where is the ex-gratia payment listed and if the Treasurer is not referring to page 15, will the Treasurer identify the page in the 2018-19 Mid-Year Review that discloses the \$33 million ex gratia payment?
2. Will the Treasurer provide a breakdown of the elements that made up the \$33m ex-gratia payment? If not, why not?

**Answer**

1. The estimate of the ex-gratia payment required, at the time of 2018-19 Mid-Year Review cut-off, is shown in Table 6 on page 15 of the 2018-19 Government Mid-Year Financial Projection Statement (Statement) under the 'Royalty Rebates' heading. The amount shown (\$14.4 million, also referred to in Table 3.5 on page 109 of the Statement) varies from the ex-gratia approval of \$33 million due to updated assumptions (including iron ore prices, volumes, and exchange rates), with the variance to be paid out in subsequent years.
2. The original estimate of \$33 million comprised: \$28 million to Mineral Resources Limited (MRL) for full royalty rebate on iron ore remaining in the Cleveland Cliffs Inc. (Cliffs) tenement; and \$5 million to Cliffs for royalty rebate for the June 2018 quarter. As noted in the response to question 1, the lower payment to MRL in 2018-19 will be offset by increased payments across the forward estimates.

  
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