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

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

**C. 820. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister representing the Premier**

I refer to State Agreements Acts and their use as instruments of Government, and I ask

1. In light of the Iron Ore Processing (Mineralogy Pty Ltd) Agreement Amendment Bill, passed last week in this Place, is the Government still confident in the use of State Agreements to govern WA?
2. Given the complexities of State Agreement Acts, as demonstrated by the Iron Ore Processing (Mineralogy Pty Ltd) Agreement Amendment Bill, does the Government still intend to use them as an apparatus?
3. In light of the failures of Mineralogy Pty. Ltd to comply with the agreed practice in obtaining and utilising a State Agreement, will the Government ensure that such requirements are now completed prior to the signing of a State Agreement?
4. What steps has the Government taken to ensure tax payers will, in future, not be liable to fund claims made against the Government's State Agreement Acts?
5. Will the Government now consider amending the Standing Orders, in-line with those introduced by the Leader of the House on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2001?

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**Answer**

1. Yes.
2. Yes.
3. Each State Agreement is unique and negotiated accordingly.
4. As each State Agreement is unique and negotiated accordingly it is for future negotiations, on a case by case basis, to assess future liability.
5. No. It is not the position of this Government that every State Agreement should be referred to the *Environment and Public Affairs Committee*.

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