

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1536

asked on Thursday, 1 September 2016

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**MR WEIR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Newmont Pacific Energy Pty Ltd being given an extension until 31 March 2019 for Mineral Development Licence 304—

Will the Minister advise what departmental procedures and processes did Newmont Pacific Energy have to follow in order to obtain this renewal?

ANSWER:

The renewal application for Mineral Development Licence 304 was assessed against the requirements of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and for compliance with the existing conditions of the licence.

In making an application for renewal, the licence holder was required to provide statements relating to financial and technical resources, resource information, justification for the renewal term and compliance with the conditions set for the previous term. The Department of Natural Resources and Mines then carried out administrative, technical and native title assessments of the application material, before approving renewal of the licence for a period of five years.