

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1327

asked on Thursday, 5 September 2019

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**MR S ANDREW** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY (HON DR A LYNHAM)—

QUESTION:

Has the Minister received advice on the prospects of mining resuming at Mt Morgan and if so, provide that advice?

ANSWER:

I am aware that, on 11 July 2019, the mining lease holders—Norton Goldfields Limited—entered into a sale agreement for the mining leases.

As part of the due diligence process for the sale, the prospective purchaser has begun discussions with the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Department of Environment and Science regarding the requirements to transfer the mining leases, the associated environmental authority and the Phase 2 Agreement which sets conditions for the tailings reprocessing.

The sale agreement terms anticipate the process to be completed within six months.