

Liberty Bell Bay Update

Ms FERGUSON question to MINISTER for BUSINESS, INDUSTRY and RESOURCES

In asking this question, I'm representing a number of constituents and small business operators in the Bell Bay precinct. My question is to the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources. Minister, what conversations are you engaged in in relation to Liberty Bell Bay, Tasmania's and Australia's only manganese smelter, noting this government's \$20 million loan facility provided to keep the manganese smelter in operation and will you provide an update on the matter?

It's very important to my constituents and, indeed, the entire northern Tasmanian economy and, for that matter, the state economy. Noting the government's recent formation of a Bell Bay response team and, of course, the importance of this smelter in Bell Bay to the broader economy and community.