

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS

**734. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Western Australian natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements administered by the Premier's department and to heavy rainfall and flooding in the south west and the great southern from 18 to 21 January 2016.

- (1) What is the status of the claims from local governments following this event?
- (2) If paid, when did that occur and why could this not be progressed more expeditiously?
- (3) If claims have not been paid, what has been the impediment to meeting the claims that were submitted expeditiously?
- (4) In light of unacceptable delay, does the Premier consider changes to the scheme are warranted to facilitate better response to communities seriously affected by natural disaster?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The requested information cannot be provided in the time available. However, I will provide a response as soon as possible.