

COLLIE INDUSTRY ATTRACTION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

124. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Minister for Regional Development:

Last night at a chamber of commerce meeting in Collie, a flyer was handed out regarding the proposed Department of Fire and Emergency Services multipurpose facility, which I talked about earlier today. This flyer encourages local suppliers and subcontractors to register their interest for its construction and other things.

- (1) When does the government's official tender process for these contracts begin and when are the closing dates?
- (2) What percentage of the tenders allocated does the government plan to grant to local content providers?
- (3) What is the government's definition of "local content" within the Collie community for the purpose of this allocation?

In this morning's *Collie Mail* it is claimed that between 78 and 83 jobs have been created already within local projects. I would also like to know within which local projects these jobs have been created and how many of these 78 to 83 jobs are local jobs located in Collie or employ Collie residents.

Hon DARREN WEST replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of both those questions and for his considerable interest in the great work the McGowan government is doing in Collie. On behalf of the Minister for Regional Development, I provide the following answer.

- (1) The Department of Finance's Building Management and Works, which is managing the construction works, advises that the tender is expected to be advertised in late March 2020 and will be open for approximately four weeks.
- (2) Head contractors will be asked to nominate the portion of their bids that comprises local content as part of the tender process.
- (3) Local content requirements will be set out in the tender documentation consistent with the requirements of the Western Australian Buy Local policy. The south west local content adviser will assist in facilitating local content outcomes for this project.

I provide the following answer on behalf of the Minister for Regional Development for the second part of the member's question.

Please refer to the answer to question without notice 41 provided to Hon Dr Steve Thomas on 12 February 2020.

The PRESIDENT: Member, I heard only one question, so I am not sure why two responses have been provided in that manner.