

OOMBULGURRI COMMUNITY — ADMINISTRATOR

669. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

I refer to the advertisement in *The Kimberley Echo* newspaper on 25 August 2011 in which the administrator of the Oombulgurri community is calling for expressions of interest for the sale and removal of residual plant and equipment and shop fittings located in the Oombulgurri community.

- (1) When was the administrator appointed; who made the appointment; and what are the terms and conditions of the appointment?
- (2) What is the administrator's role?
- (3) What items are being removed from the community?
- (4) Was the removal authorised by the Oombulgurri Lands Aboriginal Corporation; and, if so, when and who attended the meeting at which the decision was made?
- (5) Was the removal authorised by the Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation; and, if so, when and who attended the meeting at which the decision was made?
- (6) What is the Department of Indigenous Affairs' relationship with the administrator?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) The administrator was appointed on 25 May 2010 by the Department of Indigenous Affairs under section 15(2) of the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972 to provide administrative and managerial advice as well as assistance to the Oombulgurri community and to DIA on the governance of Oombulgurri Aboriginal Incorporated Association.
- (2) It is to provide support and administrative and managerial advice to the Oombulgurri community and to DIA regarding the governance of Oombulgurri Aboriginal Incorporated Association.
- (3) Residual plant and equipment from grant activity: the removal has been authorised by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, as those assets are the property of the commonwealth government.
- (4)–(5) Please refer to the response to (3).
- (6) The former Minister for Indigenous Affairs approved the appointment of an administrator in March 2010. TNR Financial Services Pty Ltd was then engaged by DIA following a request for quotation process.