

SOUTH REGIONAL TAFE — ESPERANCE CAMPUS

428. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to construction of the \$17.9 million South Regional TAFE campus in Esperance, made possible by royalties for regions, which is expected to begin construction in the 2020–21 financial year.

- (1) Has a contract been awarded for construction of this project; and, if so, when will the successful tender be announced?
- (2) Was the contract awarded to an Esperance-based business?
- (3) If no to (2), where is the successful construction business based?
- (4) How many companies were short-listed for this tender, and can the minister please provide a breakdown of whether the short-listed companies were regionally or metropolitan based?
- (5) Was there a local content provision as part of this tender process; and, if so, can the minister please provide details?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(5) A contract has been awarded and will be announced shortly. Under the Western Australian industry participation strategy, the contractor will generate local economic benefits and opportunities for local industry and local job opportunities, including for apprenticeships and traineeships.