

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE — KALGOORLIE HEADQUARTERS

1024. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the construction of the new State Emergency Service headquarters in Kalgoorlie.

- (1) Why does the local government have to not only donate the land for the premises, but also meet the \$500 000 cost of the site works?
- (2) What negotiations, if any, have taken place with the council about these costs?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Under the conditions of the local government grants scheme, local government contributions towards facility grants include the provision of suitable land, connection of utilities to the site boundaries and associated site works.
- (2) The Department of Fire and Emergency Services has been in numerous discussions with the local government on this matter, and on every occasion has restated that the cost of site works is the responsibility of local governments. Together with the department, Minister Francis met with representatives of the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder in March 2015, and reiterated the conditions of the local government grants scheme and further advised that it would be inequitable to support funding for this item given that all other local governments have acknowledged and abided by the conditions of the LGGS.