

OOMBULGURRI — HOUSES DEMOLITION

607. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

- (1) Is the government planning to demolish houses and/or other buildings at Oombulgurri?
- (2) What consultations have been held with the Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation and traditional owners about the demolition?
- (3) Has a tender been let to do the demolition work?
- (4) If yes to (3), who is the contractor; and when will the work be done?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) Yes. The government is planning to demolish the unsafe and excess infrastructure at Oombulgurri.
- (2) Since the closure of Oombulgurri, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs has had ongoing consultation with the Balanggarra Aboriginal Corporation regarding the future of Oombulgurri and its assets. At a site visit at Oombulgurri with the chairperson of BAC on 24 September 2012, it was proposed that housing not suitable for habitation, based on a Department of Housing report, would be demolished. It was discussed that potential future use of the infrastructure could influence the demolition proposal. BAC has not responded to multiple requests to discuss potential future use since this meeting.
- (3) No.
- (4) Not applicable.