

PROVISION OF THE LIVE WORKS PROGRAM TO ABORIGINAL YOUNG PEOPLE
IN THE PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

902. Hon ALANNA CLOHESY to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I do not suppose the Minister for Transport has had the opportunity to run the answers to those questions up here.

Hon Jim Chown: No, not at this stage.

Hon Col Holt: Is that a question?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY: Is that a question? I just thought he might have put it on a train up the corridor or something! No, that is right; we do not talk about trains!

I refer to contract DCS0082012SAB—“Provision of the Live Works Program to Aboriginal Young People in the Perth Metropolitan Area”—estimated at \$6.417 million.

- (1) Can the minister confirm the procurement method for the contract was sole source?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
 - (a) on what basis was the decision made to proceed with a sole-source procurement method;
 - (b) who made the decision to proceed with a sole-source procurement method; and
 - (c) was permission sought from the Department of Finance for a sole-source procurement method; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Were discussions undertaken with any other organisation for the provision of the program; if so, which organisations; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for notice of the question. On behalf of the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services, I provide the following response —

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
 - (a) An exemption from the minimum competitive requirements of the State Supply Commission’s open and effective competition policy was approved due to the following: Outcare is a specialist not-for-profit organisation that has delivered successful intervention and reform programs in Western Australia since 1960; it was the successful service provider of the Live Works program for two years and has the intellectual property for the Live Works program; and the Live Works program was identified by Justice Reynolds, the President of the WA Children’s Court, as a successful model in addressing recidivism in young Aboriginal people.
 - (b) In accordance with government procurement and State Supply Commission policies, the exemption and the procurement plan were approved by the deputy commissioner of community and youth justice on behalf of the Department of Corrective Services and endorsed by the Department of Finance’s Community Services Procurement Review Committee. The committee noted that the procurement met the requirements of the government procurement and SSC policies.
 - (c) No. The “Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy”, which applies to all not-for-profit community services procurement, does not require permission to be sought from the Department of Finance. Under the heading “Use of Preferred Service Providers”, the policy states —

Public Authorities may, at their discretion, exercise the option of retaining an existing service provider through a restricted process. The existing service provider will then be known as a Preferred Service Provider.
- (3) No. The Live Works program has been recognised as an effective program rehabilitating young Aboriginal people. It has the support of the Departments of Housing; Training and Workforce Development; Treasury; Finance; Education; the Attorney General; and Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.