

BUNDIYARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION — HOSTEL

889. Hon DARREN WEST to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the National Party's \$10 million election commitment to the Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation to fund a 138-bed hostel.

- (1) What contact has the Liberal–National government made with Bundiyarra specifically regarding this project?
- (2) What action has been taken by the government to advance this project?
- (3) When will this project commence?
- (4) Does the Liberal–National government intend to honour this commitment; and, if not, why not?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(4) The Liberal–National government has provided royalties for regions funding of \$17.4 million to the following Aboriginal hostel projects: Kalgoorlie Indigenous Visitor Hostel, \$1.25 million; Derby Indigenous Visitor Hostel, \$15.78 million; and Broome Indigenous Visitor Hostel, \$365 756 for planning, scoping and negotiation fees.

Additionally, royalties for regions has provided finding to a number of other Aboriginal housing projects, including: Ngarluma Aboriginal Sustainable Housing, \$4.6 million; Kariyarra Mugarinya residential development, South Hedland, \$1.2 million; Kimberley Aboriginal Community Housing project, \$17.2 million; Housing for Youth Bail Options, Port Hedland, \$1.2 million; and Martu Knowledge program, \$2.1 million.

Should the Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corporation still require government support for the proposal, the corporation should submit a business case to the appropriate ministers for consideration.