

MIDWEST HOUSING STOCK — PINDAN CONTRACTING PTY LTD

1175. Hon DARREN WEST to the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the awarding of head contractor to Pindan Contracting Pty Ltd for maintenance work for the Housing Authority's stock in the midwest.

- (1) Is there a requirement for the Housing Authority to use Aboriginal businesses to provide contracted services if they are competitive?
- (2) In the contracts for the provision of repairs and maintenance to WA government housing stock, is there a clause that requires the head contractor or contractors to ensure that the WA government policy of support to Aboriginal businesses is a requirement of that contract?
- (3) If yes to (2), what percentage of work is required to be awarded to Aboriginal subcontractors?
- (4) If no to (2), why not and what action, if any, has the minister taken to ensure that local Aboriginal businesses or subcontractors have the opportunity to work on local projects?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) Yes.
- (3) Through an Indigenous employment and enterprise plan, the head contractor must actively support Indigenous economic development and demonstrate a commitment to target 20 per cent Indigenous employment or better over the term of the contract.
- (4) Not applicable.