

PUBLIC HOUSING — TJIRRKARLI, WAKATHUNI AND BIDYADANGA

855. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to question on notice No. 188 on Tuesday, 6 August 2013 and question without notice No. 634 on Tuesday, 15 October 2013 and the tenders let by the Department of Housing for the replacement of water tanks at Tjirrkarli, Wakathuni and Bidyadanga, and I ask:

- (a) what is the reason for these tanks being replaced;
- (b) what is the condition of the remaining tanks by community location;
- (c) are all remaining tanks being filled to capacity; and
- (d) if no to :
 - (i) which ones;
 - (ii) in which communities; and
 - (iii) why?

Hon Ken Baston replied:

The Department of Housing advises:

- (a) Tjirrkarli: the tank has been replaced due to age and deterioration.
Wakathuni: the tank has not been replaced.
Bidyadanga: an additional tank was installed at the community as the existing tank did not have sufficient storage capacity and the community was subject to intermittent supply.
- (b) [See paper 1371.]
- (c) No.
- (d) (i)–(ii) Jimbalakudunuja
Balgo (three tanks)
Wakathuni
Pandanus Park
Bayulu
Mindibungu
Jameson
Looma (two tanks)
Warburton
Cosmo Newberry
(iii) The lowering of the water levels reduces the imposed load of the tank structure and reduces likelihood of failure where it is in poor condition from corrosion or structural damage, due primarily to age.