

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS — ARTWORK

391. Hon KEN TRAVERS to the minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

- (1) How many pieces of artwork has the Department of Indigenous Affairs purchased following a request from the minister?
- (2) For each of these pieces of artwork, what was the purchase price, what was the date of purchase and where is the artwork currently located?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that no artwork owned by the department has ever been located in his electorate office?
- (4) Does the Department of Indigenous Affairs have a specific allocation for the purchase of artwork; and, if yes, how much is allocated for this purpose each year?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has provided the following response —

- (1) Three.
- (2) The three pieces of artwork are: *Seven Sisters*, price \$1 500, purchased on 26 March 2009 and located at the Department of Indigenous Affairs; *Dancing Grounds*, price \$7 200, purchased on 18 November 2009 and located in the minister's office; and *Linked*, price \$2 500, purchased on 18 June 2010 and located in the minister's office. All those prices are GST inclusive.

Hon Ken Travers: Good to hear! Who gets the input?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: Well, only 68c in the dollar comes back to Western Australia. That is the bad news. But I digress.

Hon Ken Travers: Does the department get to keep the credit input?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I will take that on notice.

- (3) Yes, all Indigenous art in the electorate office is personally owned by the member for Dawesville.
- (4) No.