

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — ABORIGINAL BUSINESS CONTRACTS

547. Mr B.S. Wyatt to the Minister for Police; Road Safety; Small Business; Women's Interests:

I refer to the announced changes to the Government's procurement policies that exempted Aboriginal enterprises from the 'Open and Effective Competition' policy, announced by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Finance on 9 November 2012, and I ask for every agency under the jurisdiction of the Minister:

- (a) how many Aboriginal businesses have entered into contracts with Government agencies pursuant to these changes;
- (b) how many contracts have been entered into with Aboriginal businesses pursuant to these changes;
- (c) what is the average size of the contract that has been entered into as a result of these changes to the Government's procurement policies; and
- (d) how many projects were awarded to Aboriginal enterprises for capital projects and what was the average size of each capital project?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

WA Police:

- (a)–(d) Western Australia Police have not engaged or entered into a contract with any Aboriginal Enterprise through the path of exemption from the Open and Effective Competition Policy since the changes on 9 November 2012.

Office of Road Safety:

The Office of Road Safety is administratively supported as part of Main Roads WA and as such the response will be included in the Main Roads WA response under the Minister for Transport.

Small Business:

- (a)–(b) None
- (c) Not applicable
- (d) None.

Department for Local Government and Communities:

Women's Interests is administratively supported as part of the Department of Local Government and Communities and as such, the response will be included in the Department of Local Government and Communities response under the Minister for Local Government; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Youth.