

NINGA MIA COMMUNITY

1094. Hon LYNN MacLAREN to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

- (1) Will the Aboriginal community of Ninga Mia, five kilometres outside Kalgoorlie, benefit from the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing before 2012–13?
- (2) Is the minister aware of the demolition in May 2011 of a series of makeshift derelict structures just outside the Ninga Mia community, known as “Silver City”?
- (3) Can the minister confirm that following the demolition of these structures, housing was intended to be built at the Ninga Mia community, in addition to the Kalgoorlie short-stay facility?
- (4) When will more housing be built at the Ninga Mia community?
- (5) What steps is the Department of Housing taking to provide appropriate housing options for the dialysis patients currently living in the camps outside Ninga Mia?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Yes. The demolition was undertaken by the Department of Indigenous Affairs.
- (3) No.
- (4) Construction at Ninga Mia will be considered under the 2014–16 National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing competitive bid process.
- (5) Applications can be made for permanent public housing. Short-term accommodation is provided by Trilby Cooper Hostel, which is run by Aboriginal Hostels Ltd.