

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — HEAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

1064. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to Department of Housing head maintenance contracts and the recent awarding of contracts to Programmed Maintenance Services, Lake Maintenance, Spotless Facility Services Pty Ltd and Pindan Contracting Pty Ltd.

- (1) Was a public sector comparator undertaken to determine the benefit of returning public housing maintenance to the previous in-house arrangement; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Did Transfield Services submit a bid on the new tender; and, if so, why did it fail to secure a contract?
- (3) Which housing regions will each of the four contracted companies be responsible for?
- (4) What is the specific cost of the contract awarded to each of these companies?
- (5) What is the estimated or budgeted cost of terminating the previous maintenance arrangements with Transfield Services and establishing the new maintenance contracts and systems?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Housing, I advise —

- (1) No. The public sector comparator policy is used for public–private partnerships.
- (2) Yes. Other tenders were deemed more competitive.
- (3) Spotless Facility Services Pty Ltd, north metropolitan region and south east metropolitan region; Programmed Maintenance Services, south metropolitan region, great southern region and south west region; Lake Maintenance, wheatbelt region, goldfields region, East Kimberley region and West Kimberley region; and Pindan Contracting Pty Ltd, Pilbara region and midwest region.
- (4) Contracts are not awarded for a specific dollar value but to supply services for a specific region. Expenditure will be in accordance with the 2014–15 maintenance budget.
- (5) The department advises that the tender was not terminated; it expired.