

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES — EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

444. Hon JACQUI BOYDELL to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the Department of Communities' Empowering Communities program.

- (1) Will the minister provide a list of successful applicants for this funding?
- (2) On what grounds was it recently decided that the Newman Neighbourhood Centre would no longer receive funding?
- (3) In light of recent comments by the Minister for State Development indicating that the government is supportive of rebuilding a residential Newman community, does the minister agree that the decision to discontinue funding will have a detrimental and lasting impact on this process?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) Yes. I will table the attached document.

Newman Neighbourhood Centre submitted an offer as part of the Empowering Communities program tender process. However, it was not awarded a service agreement. The Department of Communities advised the organisation of the outcome of the tender process on 14 December 2018. The respondent's tender offer is confidential and cannot be disclosed. Communities has offered it feedback on its tender content.

Communities is committed to extending the Newman Neighbourhood Centre's existing service agreement to 30 June 2020. Communities is working with Newman Neighbourhood Centre to assist it to demonstrate alignment with the Empowering Communities program. If this is achieved, the organisation will be invited to submit an offer, in line with State Supply Commission policies, which will be formally assessed by an evaluation panel.

[See paper 2670.]