

BUY LOCAL POLICY — BROOME ABORIGINAL SHORT-STAY ACCOMMODATION —
RI-CON CONTRACTORS PTY LTD

1319. Hon STEPHEN DAWSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the contract for the Broome Aboriginal short-stay accommodation awarded to Queensland company Ri-Con Contractors Pty Ltd.

- (1) Was the government's Buy Local policy applied to this construction to give local Broome building companies a chance to win the tender; and, if not, why not?
- (2) How many local Aboriginal workers will be engaged by Ri-Con Contractors on this project?
- (3) How many local apprentices will be engaged by Ri-Con Contractors on this project?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes. The tender was assessed in accordance with the Buy Local policy.
- (2) A minimum of 26 local Aboriginal workers will be employed by Ri-Con and its local subcontractors. Ri-Con has indicated that it will significantly exceed the mandated Aboriginal employment target of 20 per cent.
- (3) There will be three local apprentices.