

GOLDFIELDS ARTS CENTRE

**826. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to the *Kalgoorlie Miner* article, “Centre in limbo”, dated 20 August.

- (1) Which body is currently responsible for the management of the Goldfields Arts Centre?
- (2) Why was the Goldfields Arts Centre not included in the transfer when Curtin University handed over the vocational education and training centre to the Department of Training and Workplace Development earlier this year?
- (3) Is the department considering taking over management of the Goldfields Arts Centre; and, if not, why not?
- (4) Have the state government and Curtin University engaged in discussions with the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder to carry on operations of the Goldfields Arts Centre beyond the end of this year; and, if yes, what were the outcomes of the discussions?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

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

- (1) Curtin University.
- (2)–(3) The management of performing arts centres is not the core business of the department.
- (4) Curtin University and the state government have been engaged in discussions with the City of Kalgoorlie–Boulder since February 2011. Discussions aimed at formalising a new management body to ensure the Goldfields Arts Centre continues to operate beyond 2011 are ongoing.