

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD — EMERGENCY DRILLING CONTRACTS

1206. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Agriculture and Food:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 1165 asked on 21 October 2014.

- (1) Why was the contract awarded in 2013 for an emergency drilling program procured by selective tender?
- (2) Who approved the decision to procure the 2013 contract by selective tender?
- (3) How many bores were drilled as part of this \$300 000 tender?
- (4) For those contracts awarded in 2014 through an open tender process —
 - (a) what is the name of all companies that tendered for the contracts; and
 - (b) what was the price tendered by all companies outlined in (4)(a)?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

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

- (1) The emergency circumstances required a rapid response that targeted proven contractors with capacity to undertake the drilling program in a short time frame.
- (2) As minister, I instructed the Department of Agriculture and Food WA to follow State Supply Commission guidelines and implement an emergency drilling by targeting contractors with the capacity to commence work almost immediately.
- (3)–(4) Twelve exploratory bore holes were drilled and one production bore developed. As required by State Supply Commission guidelines, the specific company and individual quote is covered by confidentiality. Nine companies tendered and the range in tender prices was \$2 709 690 to \$5 717 460.