

BROOME–CAPE LEVEQUE ROAD — UPGRADE

350. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the correction provided to question without notice 306, which stated that formal approval was not obtained to waive the competitive tender process in procuring water drilling for the Broome–Cape Leveque Road upgrade project.

- (1) Who was responsible for obtaining formal approval to waive the competitive tender requirement?
- (2) What were the reasons for undertaking a select tender rather than a competitive tender process in this instance?
- (3) Given Broome’s proximity to the Cape Leveque road, how many Broome-based water drilling service providers were invited to participate in this tender?
- (4) Why was Main Roads Western Australia satisfied with only two tender submissions when some Broome-based water drilling service providers were excluded from the tender process?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Transport.

- (1) It is Main Roads’ regional manager in the Kimberley.
- (2) Tenders were sought from local Kimberley contractors who have been used previously in the region. The procurement method of a select tender was done in accordance with the relevant policies. However, due to an administrative error, the formal approval of the acting managing director of Main Roads to waive the competitive tender requirement was not obtained.
- (3) It was one.
- (4) The two tenders were assessed fully by Main Roads and it was determined that they represented value for money. Therefore, Main Roads was satisfied with the submissions provided.