

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRES — REVIEW

62. Hon COLIN HOLT to the Minister for Regional Development:

I refer to the minister's decision to task the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development with conducting a review of the community resource centres network.

- (1) What are the terms of reference of the review?
- (2) In relation to (1), how will the process be open and transparent?
- (3) Will other service providers and partners that deliver services into regional Western Australia be consulted as part of the review?
- (4) If yes to (3), what other service providers have been identified?
- (5) Will the options paper delivered to the minister by 30 June 2018 take into consideration how CRCs can help the state government's sustainable health and service priority reviews?
- (6) If yes to (5), how will this be considered?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1) The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development-led review will provide: an analysis of the CRC network, including locations, functions and budget, both current and historic; an analysis of previous reviews undertaken of the CRC program; clarity and recommendations on core functions of CRCs into the future; recommendations to improve engagement and partnerships between state government agencies and the CRC network; and options to meet the revised budget. We anticipate the review will be completed by the middle of the year.
- (2)–(6) DPIRD staff already have a close working relationship with the CRC network and will continue to consult with CRCs as required throughout the review. We are open to constructive ideas about how we can meet the new budget circumstances and I will be taking opportunities to meet with CRCs during the review process. CRC service providers and partners will be consulted as required. The CRC review will consider both the service priority review and the sustainable health review as they relate to the future operation of the CRC network.