

LOCAL PROJECTS, LOCAL JOBS — RESIDUAL AMOUNT

**68. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's answer to my question of 13 March 2018 concerning the \$39 million Local Projects, Local Jobs grants program, which advised that as at 31 December 2017, some \$27 344 128 had been paid, with \$10 628 680 remaining to be paid.

- (1) As of today, how much of the \$10.6 million characterised as money "remaining to be paid" at 31 December 2017 has been committed to recipients?
- (2) To which projects and recipients has this residual amount been committed, and in what amounts? Furthermore, has this money now been paid; and, if so, on what dates?
- (3) Further to (1) and (2), when since the election of the McGowan government were arrangements to enter into and/or fulfil these commitments made, to whom, by whom and in what form—verbally or in writing?
- (4) Noting that the Local Projects Local Jobs program has a publicly stated value of \$39 million, and the Premier's advice that the total funds paid and remaining to be paid is equivalent to \$37 972 808; what will the government do with the remaining \$1 027 192?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) These were election commitments. All funds have been committed. In accordance with governance procedures, agencies are working with recipient organisations to confirm all appropriate details prior to expending the funds. The 31 December figures are the most recent consolidated figures.
- (3) As previously stated in this place on a number of occasions, agencies responsible for delivering Local Projects, Local Jobs commitments are doing so in accordance with existing grant delivery processes and procedures, which include reporting and acquittal requirements. Agencies have been responsible for delivering commitments since May 2017.
- (4) The difference relates to rounding associated with the initial budget submission, as well as instances of underspends.