

CYCLONE SEROJA — RECOVERY

358. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the long-promised workers' accommodation facility in Kalbarri to assist with cyclone Seroja recovery.

- (1) Noting the Woods Street site in Kalbarri remains empty two years following cyclone Seroja, when will this workers' accommodation be ready for use?
- (2) What is the cost for construction and transportation of this workforce accommodation?
- (3) How is it that Rio Tinto will deliver a 40-bed workers' camp to the Kimberley next month, yet Kalbarri residents have been waiting two years for workers' accommodation in their community?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Lands.

- (1)–(3) The state government has fulfilled its commitment to identify and release crown land to support the development of workers' accommodation in Kalbarri. A preferred proponent has been identified, which will deliver the facility. As such, the costs and time frames associated with the construction of the facility will be the responsibility of the preferred proponent.