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PETRA WESTKEY — WORKERS ACCOMMODATION, KALBARRI

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

I refer to the media statement issued on 28 August 2023 titled "Kalbarri Workers' Accommodation negotiations conclude".

- (1) Why did the state government withdraw from negotiations with its preferred proponent, Petra Westkey (WA) Pty Ltd?
- (2) Is it still the case, as the minister told Parliament on 16 August 2023, that Petra Westkey has not ceased its operations in Western Australia?
- (3) Prior to the state government withdrawing from negotiations with Petra Westkey, on what occasion did the minister or the minister's office last have contact with Petra Westkey, and what was the nature of that communication?
- (4) When will the state government deliver on its promise to fast-track the development of workers accommodation in Kalbarri?

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)–(4) The state government's commitment was to make suitable land available, and this commitment was delivered. The advice from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is that Petra Westkey (WA) Pty Ltd has not ceased its operations in Western Australia; however, the state government has now withdrawn from negotiations with Petra Westkey (WA) Pty Ltd. The office of the minister does not conduct negotiations with preferred proponents.