

HEALTH — PROGRAM TENDER PROCESS

1143. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

My question is very similarly worded to Hon Dr Brad Pettitt's. I refer the minister to the 2021 tender process entered into by the Department of Health for the whole of school healthy eating program.

- (1) How many tenders were received?
- (2) Of that total, how many were from organisations based in Western Australia, and how many from interstate?
- (3) Was any weighting given to local Western Australia-based tenders, on the basis that these would be of additional economic value to the state?
- (4) For the period of the contract, how much money is the government currently sending interstate to deliver this program across Western Australian schools?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

It is exactly the same question. People need to coordinate themselves a little bit when they make promises to people to ask questions.

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question, and the answer is exactly the same one that I gave to the question asked in exactly the same terms by Hon Dr Brad Pettitt about five minutes ago.

- (1)–(4) Procurement for the whole of school healthy eating program was conducted by the Department of Health through a competitive, open-tender process in accordance with the Western Australian government's delivering community services in partnership policy. Although there is an intent to support Western Australian organisations, tender evaluation panels are also required to focus on value-for-money considerations. The nature of tenders received through a community services procurement process is that tenders remain strictly confidential and details of the offers received cannot be disclosed. Importantly, the successful respondent is contributing to local employment within Western Australia and engaging local suppliers to contribute to service delivery.