

HEALTH — PROGRAM TENDER PROCESS

1141. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer the minister to the recent tender process entered into by the Department of Health for the family-based early intervention for childhood obesity 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 Australian-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 state government currently sending interstate to deliver that program across Western Australia?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

- (1)–(4) Procurement for the family-based early intervention for child obesity 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.