

PETRA WESTKEY — WORKERS ACCOMMODATION, KALBARRI

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

I refer to reports in the *Midwest Times* today that the state government's preferred proponent to develop workers accommodation in Kalbarri has ceased operations and comments from a state government spokesperson that state —

... no financial or contractual agreement has been entered into between Petra Westkey and DPLH ...

- (1) Noting that Petra Westkey was chosen as the preferred proponent 12 months ago, why were contract negotiations never finalised?
- (2) Is the minister aware that Petra Westkey is no longer operating in Western Australia; and, if so, when did he first become aware?
- (3) Has Petra Westkey advised the state government that it is no longer able to proceed with the project; and, if so, when was the government advised?
- (4) Given the preferred proponent is no longer able to construct and operate workers' accommodation in Kalbarri, when does the government intend to deliver on this election commitment?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

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

- (1) This project is a private development with the state government providing land. Petra Westkey has been considering commercial terms for the project.
- (2) The advice from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is that Petra Westkey has not ceased its operation in Western Australia.
- (3) No.
- (4) The state government's commitment was to make suitable land available, and this commitment was delivered.