

LEIGHTON CONTRACTORS–INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA JOINT VENTURE —  
HEAD CONTRACTORS

**357. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the Minister for Training and Workforce Development:**

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 336.

- (1) Does the minister's department —
  - (a) monitor Tenders WA for the advertising and announcement of state government construction contracts; and, if not, why not; or
  - (b) monitor state government media statements for announcements of contractors appointed and sod-turning ceremonies for state government construction contracts; and, if not, why not?
- (2) If yes to (1)(a) or (b), do the staff contact the relevant agency or contractor if the Priority Start registration or training plan requirements have not been met; and, if not, why not?
- (3) If yes to (2), how many times in the last 12 months have agencies or contractors been contacted by departmental staff to ensure that Priority Start requirements are met?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)
  - (a) Yes.
  - (b) No. The department does not monitor state government media statements for the purpose of identifying announcements of contractors appointed and sod-turning ceremonies for state government construction contracts as this is resource intensive and unlikely to give a complete account of all government contracts let.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) In the last 12 months, the department has sent 123 letters to contractors advising them of the need to comply with the requirements of component B of the Priority Start—Building program. In addition, a further 30 follow-up letters were sent to contractors advising them that they were overdue in meeting their compliance requirements under component B, and 10 letters of advice of noncompliance with component B were sent to contractors and to the relevant agencies.