

TOURISM WA — NORTH WEST FESTIVAL FUNDING

551. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Tourism:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that Sunset Events was one of the key beneficiaries of Eventscorp–Tourism Western Australia funding to the One Movement for Music Festival?
- (2) Has the Barnett government decided to fund Sunset Events to stage the North West Festival on 18 August and was this funding put out to tender?
- (3) Were any conflicts of interest, including perceptions of conflicts of interest, declared within Tourism WA on this decision, including by employees who previously worked for the Sunset Events or One Movement Pty Ltd entities?

Hon ROBYN McSWEENEY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Tourism —

- (1) Tourism Western Australia's contract for the One Movement for Music Festival was with One Movement Pty Ltd, which was an incorporated company specifically set up by Sunset Events, Chernov Pty Ltd and Legge Pty Ltd to own and operate the One Movement for Music Festival.
- (2) Tourism WA is entering into a sponsorship agreement with the Town of Port Hedland to stage the North West Festival. Tourism WA understands that the Town of Port Hedland has contracted Sunset Events to manage the event through a request for tender process.
- (3) No conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts were identified by Tourism WA or its employees who conducted the assessment and prepared the recommendation to the Tourism WA board to fund the North West Festival. No Tourism WA employees involved in this assessment and recommendation had any involvement with Sunset Events or One Movement Pty Ltd.