

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - COST OF FUNERALS

3248. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

I refer to a report in *The West Australian* of Friday 24 February 2006 on page five that states that ‘A spokeswoman for the Department of Community Development which last year paid up to \$ 5 000 each for 225 Aboriginal funerals...’, and ask -

- (1) What was the cost of the cheapest Aboriginal funeral paid for last year?
- (2) What was the cost of the most expensive Aboriginal funeral paid for last year?
- (3) What is the cost of a “typical” Aboriginal funeral paid for last year?
- (4) For (1), (2) and (3) please provide a detailed breakdown of the costs for items making up the cost of each funeral, for example, the internment in the grave, the cost of holding a funeral, the cost if the funeral was held on a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday?

Hon JON FORD replied:

This question is not relevant to the Department of Local Government and Regional Development. The Honourable member should direct his question to the Minister for Community Development.