

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS, KALGOORLIE OFFICE

1292. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

- (1) Is the Department of Indigenous Affairs considering closing its Kalgoorlie office?
- (2) If yes -
 - (a) Why?
 - (b) When?
 - (c) Where will existing staff be located?
 - (d) Have the indigenous community and key stakeholders in Kalgoorlie been consulted?
- (3) Will Ms Lee Peters, acting regional manager, goldfields region, be reviewing the viability of the Kalgoorlie office of the Department of Indigenous Affairs as part of her duties?
- (4) At what level is Ms Peters paid in her capacity as acting regional manager?
- (5) How much money will the department save if the Kalgoorlie office is closed?
- (6) Is the Department of Indigenous Affairs advertising for the position previously filled by Mr Ben Garwood at the Kalgoorlie office?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) As part of her duties, Ms Lee Peters, acting regional manager, goldfields region, will conduct an overall review of the administrative resources and the rationalisation of the services in the goldfields region.
- (4) Ms Peter is paid at level 8.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) As part of the regional review, Ms Peters will be considered for recruitment for the position previously filled by Mr Ben Garwood at the Kalgoorlie office.