

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES — WYNDHAM EARLY LEARNING
ACTIVITY CENTRE

4309. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Wyndham Early Learning Activity Centre (WELA) Inc., and I ask:

- (a) will the Aboriginal Early Years service's Wyndham grant be re-tended in 2015–16 financial year;
- (b) how were the submissions to the Aboriginal Early Years service's Wyndham grant assessed;
- (c) within the Department of Local Government and Communities, is there a board or group of people who assesses the grant applications;
- (d) who sits on the assessment board; and
- (e) do the assessment board members have any understanding of the Wyndham area and the organisations in Wyndham?

Mr A.J. Simpson replied:

- (a) No
- (b) The submissions were assessed in accordance with the Community Services Procurement Practice Guide — A Guide to Funding and Contracting with the Community Sector for Public Authorities. Specifically, an assessment panel was established, members provided with a community service evaluation handbook, evaluation of offers undertaken and an evaluation report developed.
- (c) An assessment panel is established for each tender process.
- (d) The establishment of an assessment panel is mandatory for each tender process. The make-up of the assessment panel reflects the nature of the services being tendered. A senior officer from the Community Funding Unit of the Department of Local Government and Communities chairs the evaluation process.
- (e) Yes. The assessment panel for the Aboriginal Early Years - Wyndham included staff who were familiar with the region including the services currently available and being delivered within Wyndham. The assessment panel for this tender included a Senior Funding Officer, Senior Practice Development Officer - Aboriginal Early Years and two Program and Funding Officers.