

MAKU STADIUM

Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

- (1) What is the total cost borne by the state government in maintaining, repairing and securing the dormant Maku Stadium since its closure in 2005?
- (2) Why was a stadium management proposal facilitated by the Department of Indigenous Affairs' goldfields regional office not further developed or presented to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Basketball Association in early 2007?
- (3) When will the department present such a proposal?
- (4) Can the minister explain why a much-needed community resource has remained dormant for nearly three years with no reopening date in sight?
- (5) How many more years will it take before the state government will appoint stadium managers to enable the Maku Stadium to reopen again?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Since 2005 the state government has spent approximately \$88 000 on repairing damage and securing the stadium.
- (2) Representatives from the goldfields regional office of the Department of Indigenous Affairs presented a management proposal to Maku Stadium at the 158th meeting of the Aboriginal Lands Trust on 27 June 2007. Following consideration of the proposal, the ALT did not support or endorse it. On the basis of the ALT's decision, the DIA proposal was not developed any further by the department, nor was it presented to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Basketball Association. At the same ALT meeting, an alternative stadium management proposal for Maku was also presented to the Goldfields Land and Sea Council. Following consideration of both proposals, the ALT supported and endorsed the GLSC proposal.
- (3) At this stage, the DIA has no intention of presenting a management proposal for Maku Stadium to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Basketball Association.
- (4) The stadium has not been operational due to damage primarily caused by vandalism and the time taken to engage contractors to repair the facility.
- (5) A reopening date is yet to be determined as options for the future use and management of the stadium have to be finalised. The GLSC has been working to implement its ALT-endorsed management proposal for Maku Stadium. Following resolution of a number of operational matters to ensure that Maku Stadium becomes a viable commercial entity, the stadium will reopen.