

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BOARD INQUIRY — SERVICE DELIVERY TO
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

439. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the Local Government Advisory Board inquiry report into service delivery to Indigenous communities.

- (1) When will the report be released?
- (2) Do the recommendations of the inquiry have significant implications for relevant local governments?
- (3) What discussions has the minister had with the Western Australian Local Government Association about the recommendations of the inquiry?
- (4) Have the recommendations of the inquiry been given due consideration in his negotiations with the commonwealth?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Local Government, I provide the following response —

- (1) The report will not be released publicly while negotiations are in progress.
- (2) There are 24 local governments likely to be affected by recommendations in the report. Each of those 24 local governments has been informed of the status of the report and advised the report will not be released while negotiations are in progress.
- (3) WALGA has written to the minister requesting release of the report. For reasons stated in answer to (1), the minister has advised he was not prepared to release the report to WALGA at this time.
- (4) There is ongoing discussion regarding this report at officer level between the commonwealth, Department of Local Government and Regional Development, Department of Housing and the Department of Indigenous Affairs.