

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — BALGO COMMUNITY

3627. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the Minister's response to my Question On Notice No. 3170, asked on 23 October 2014, regarding Balgo Community, and ask:

- (a) why hasn't the Department provided funding for Governance support and training in Balgo Community; and
- (b) why hasn't the Department provided funding for community based programs delivery to service Balgo?

**Dr K.D. Hames replied:**

- (a) The Balgo community is managed through the Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation which is incorporated under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth).

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations has responsibility for providing training programs which aim to increase corporate governance knowledge, skills, efficiency and accountability within Aboriginal corporations.

- (b) The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is not the primary funder of services or program delivery to Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

Funding for community based programs in Balgo is provided by relevant State agencies, dependant on service or program type.