

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL JUSTICE AGREEMENT 2004 — LOCAL JUSTICE PLANS

**583. Hon SHELLEY ARCHER to the minister representing the Attorney General:**

I refer to the local justice plans that are being developed between the government and individual Indigenous communities to reflect and support the requirements of the Western Australian Aboriginal Justice Agreement 2004.

- (1) When issues raised by the local justice forum are outside the portfolio of the Attorney General, such as alcohol management and the establishment of safe houses, how will the Department of the Attorney General coordinate the Aboriginal Justice Agreement process to ensure that local justice plans achieve their objectives?
- (2) What additional resources—financial, educational and/or human—have been provided to assist local justice forums to implement recommended actions as identified in their local justice plans?
- (3) If no additional resources are being provided, how does the Attorney General expect local justice forums to resource the actions necessary to achieve justice within their communities?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Aboriginal Justice Agreement process, in developing both the local justice forums and local justice agreements, involves various signatory and non-signatory government and non-government agencies, including the Drug and Alcohol Office and the Department for Communities. These agencies work in partnership with the Aboriginal community to identify, prioritise and address justice-related issues.
- (2) The Aboriginal Justice Agreement process has been allocated a total of approximately \$11 million over four years, commencing in 2006-07, to assist with the development and implementation of local justice agreements. Regional coordinators employed by the Department of the Attorney General assist communities and work with government and non-government agencies in progressing actions within the local justice agreements.
- (3) It is anticipated that resources to action priorities and associated strategies will come from the relevant signatory and non-signatory agencies involved in developing the local justice agreements.