

WITTENOOM, CABINET STRATEGY COMMITTEE, DRAFT REPORT

2850. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

- (1) Is it correct that there is a body known as the Cabinet strategy committee on Wittenoom?
- (2) If this is not the correct title, what is the correct title of this body?
- (3) How does this body qualify as a Cabinet strategy committee when no member of Cabinet serves on it?
- (4) Is it correct that Hon John Ford MLC is chairperson of this committee?
- (5) Is it correct that there are 19 other members?
- (6) If so, who are they?
- (7) Is it correct that a draft report has been prepared by this committee?
- (8) If so, will the Premier table the report?
- (9) If not, why not?
- (10) If not, will the Premier explain why he refuses to table the report when a copy has already been released to a member of the media?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) Wittenoom Steering Committee.
- (3) It is not a Cabinet strategy committee. Cabinet endorsed the establishment of an inter-agency Steering Committee that reports to the Minister for State Development.
- (4) The Hon Jon Ford, MLC, Member for Mining and Pastoral is Chair of the Committee.
- (5) No. There are 13 members in addition to the Chair, including the executive officer. There are up to three observers together with co-opted agency experts, as required.
- (6) The following agencies are represented:  
Consumer and Employment Protection - WorkSafe  
Environment  
Health  
Housing and Works  
Indigenous Affairs  
Industry and Resources  
Justice – State Solicitor’s Office  
Local Government and Regional Development  
Main Roads  
Planning and Infrastructure  
WA Tourism Commission
- (7) A strategic directions paper has been presented to the Minister for State Development, which he is considering.
- (8)-(10) The paper will not be tabled at this time, as it is an internal working document. The paper has not been released to the media. The media obtained an unauthorised copy of an early draft of the paper. At the appropriate time Cabinet will determine how the Government’s decisions in regard to Wittenoom will be made public.