

ALBANY HEALTH CAMPUS

431. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Was the government's Buy Local policy used for any of the tendering for the construction of the Albany health campus?
- (2) If not, why not?
- (3) How many Albany businesses will be engaged as subcontractors and what is the type of work they will be doing?
- (4) How many Albany businesses will be supplying equipment or materials for the job and what types of goods and materials will be supplied?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This advice has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

- (1) Yes, compliance with the state's Buy Local policy was one of the four criteria used in the assessment of the tenders.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The number of local subcontractors to be used is not known, as the process for determining the subcontractors and suppliers is ongoing, generally via a tender process. Examples of contracts let to local companies to date include bulk earthworks and civil drainage, concrete supply, minor electrical work and information technology, security system installation and materials, termite protection, waste removal and site office furniture. Many of these contracts are for substantial amounts of work in comparison with the normal business performed in the region. For future work not yet let, consideration will be given to local suppliers and subcontractors, including for the following: brickwork; ceilings and partitions—internal walls; miscellaneous metalwork; finishes trades, such as carpet laying, tiling, painting and similar; external works, such as landscaping and irrigation; and doors and hardware fitting.
- (4) The following have been sourced locally by the building contractor, John Holland: general hardware, safety equipment, security equipment, office supplies, plan printing, office photocopiers and local labour through Skill Hire, including Aboriginal heritage monitors. Many of these contracts are for substantial amounts of work in comparison with the normal business performed in the region. To date, it has been found that non-local based subcontractors such as those from Perth have used local subcontractors, labour and supplies.