

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS, REGIONAL OFFICES

**849. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:**

- (1) Will the minister confirm that the Department of Indigenous Affairs' regional offices in Bunbury, Halls Creek and Murchison are to close?
- (2) If yes -
  - (a) when will they close;
  - (b) will it mean a reduction of staff;
  - (c) where will these staff members be relocated or redeployed;
  - (d) will it mean a reduction of services; and
  - (e) how will the services be provided in the regions in which these offices are to be closed?

**Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)
  - (a) By September 2003;
  - (b) no;
  - (c) Midland, Broome, Kununurra and Geraldton;
  - (d) no; and
  - (e) serviced from regional offices as outlined in (c).