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KIMBERLEY ABORIGINAL LAW AND CULTURE CENTRE

1230. Hon SHELLEY ARCHER to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) Is the Premier aware that many state government agencies rely very heavily on the support of the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre when working with Indigenous groups in the Kimberley region?
- (2) Does the Premier acknowledge that these state government agencies are placing enormous pressure and demands on the KALACC?
- (3) Is the Premier aware that the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre has sought financial support from the state government to ensure the operations and programs delivered by the organisation can continue?
- (4) Will the Premier support the request by the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre for annual state government financial support; and, if not, why not?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

I thank Hon Shelley Archer for some notice of the question.

- (1)-(4) The Premier advises that the state government is currently giving consideration to the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre's written request. In relation to wider funding for the Kimberley region, the Premier refers the honourable member to her own comments made on 30 August last year, when she said -
 - I... would like to congratulate the Carpenter government for providing what I believe is very adequate funding for the remote, regional and rural areas of the state, especially in the north of the state, where I work mostly; that is, the Kimberley and the Pilbara.