

APPIAN GROUP CONTRACTS

18. Hon GEORGE CASH to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Housing and Works:

- (1) How many contracts have been awarded by the Department of Housing and Works to the Appian Group in each of the past five years and what was the value of each of these contracts?
- (2) Were all these contracts awarded to the Appian Group the subject of a public tender; and, if not, why not?
- (3) Which persons have acted as Appian Group consultants to the Department of Housing and Works in each of the past five years?
- (4) Have any of these consultants been based at the department; and, if so, what are the terms and conditions of such placement?
- (5) Have any of these persons been employed directly by the department; and, if so, in what capacity?
- (6) What are the terms and conditions of the employment by the department of Mr Guy Mander, what is his title and role and for what period has he been consulting for the department?

Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Five contracts were awarded to the Appian Group, formerly Cary Consulting prior to the name change in 2008. The contract commencement values are as follows: in 2006, \$491 028; again in 2006, because two contracts were awarded in that year, \$358 450; in 2007, \$127 880; in 2008 \$300 000; and in 2009, \$50 000. The 2006 to 2008 contracts were awarded by the Department of Housing and Works and the 2009 contract was awarded by the Building Management and Works division of the Department of Treasury and Finance. In addition, other government agencies established contracts with the Appian Group over this period, in particular the Department of Health for the management of the Fiona Stanley Hospital project.
- (2) The contracts were allocated by the Department of Housing and Works period consultancy panel, which was established through a public tender process. This procurement framework enables pre-qualified consultants to be allocated projects in accordance with the buying rules.
- (3) Numerous Appian Group staff have acted as consultants to the Department of Housing and Works over the past five years. The directors of the firm have been responsible for services delivered for these projects and their names are Steve Cary, Richard Mickle and Nadia van Dommelen.
- (4) No.
- (5) No.
- (6) Mr Mander is engaged as an employee of the firm Appian Group, which was allocated the work through a Department of Housing and Works project management panel contract for which hourly rates for services provision were prescribed by the Department of Housing and Works. Mr Mander is an associate director of the Appian Group. His role is design manager for the Appian team providing consultancy services for the Perth Arena project. He commenced this role in October 2008.