

WELLINGTON SQUARE — SERVICE PROVIDERS

**699. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:**

I refer to the statement by the member for Perth, Eleni Evangel, that “one agency needed to be established as the ‘lead agency’, which would act as a parent body for all service providers in Wellington Square”.

- (1) Has an agency been given this role?
- (2) If yes to (1) —
  - (a) why;
  - (b) what will the role consist of; and
  - (c) how will its effectiveness be monitored and evaluated?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

**Hon PETER COLLIER replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(3) This matter will be considered by the Aboriginal Affairs cabinet subcommittee.

Just by way of explanation, the point of the Aboriginal Affairs cabinet subcommittee is to coordinate government departments when there is a complex issue such as the one referred to in that statement by the member for Perth. As the member would be well aware, not one individual or one independent agency can be responsible for the issues within Wellington Square. The cabinet subcommittee will consider this issue and another agency will take—literally—the lead, and that will be the coordinating agency for all the departments.