

ABORIGINAL LANDS TRUST, REVIEW

537. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer the Minister to the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT) and ask: -

- (a) has the Minister for Indigenous Affairs approved a process to review the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT);
- (b) if so, when did the Minister for Indigenous Affairs approve this ALT review process;
- (c) how much money has been budgeted by the Department of Indigenous Affairs to carry out this ALT review;
- (d) has the ALT review process been advertised for open tender;
- (e) if not, why not;
- (f) if not, who has been approached to submit for the tender;
- (g) were all the members of the ALT consulted over this proposed review;
- (h) have members of the ALT had input into the structure of the review process; and
- (i) which other members of the Aboriginal community in Western Australia have been consulted regarding this ALT review process?

Mr A.J. CARPENTER replied:

- (a) Yes
- (b) 13 September 2002
- (c) \$30,000 to \$35,000 range
- (d) No
- (e) Requests for quotation have been called for this requirement as the estimated value is under \$50,000
- (f) For contracts over \$10,000 it is normal practice to make public the successful supplier and the accepted price. The Request for Quotation stipulates this requirement as part of the process.
- (g)-(h) The brief for the review was prepared by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) and all members were formally advised of the review. A briefing was also provided at the last meeting of the Trust on 29 October 2002.
- (i) DIA had discussions with the Western Australian Aboriginal Native Title Working Group on the proposed brief for the review. In addition, prospective parties to be consulted in the review process have also been advised of the review.