

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS — WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT FRAMEWORK

**600. Hon SHELLEY ARCHER to the minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:**

I draw to the minister's attention page 21 of the 2006-07 Department of Indigenous Affairs annual report, which refers to the development of a whole-of-government framework for Indigenous services that was to be released for consultation towards the end of 2007.

- (1) When will the Department of Indigenous Affairs release a whole-of-government policy and accountability function to ensure government services are meeting the needs of Indigenous people?
- (2) What meaningful participation have Indigenous people had to inform the whole-of-government framework and ensure that the many negative impacts that past mainstream policies have had on their wellbeing can be avoided in the future?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Department of Indigenous Affairs advises as follows.

- (1)-(2) The Department of Indigenous Affairs is progressing work on a whole-of-government framework for Indigenous services. The progress of this framework is subject to new directions or initiatives jointly agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments. The state government will continue to develop the framework in full consultation with relevant parties, which include Indigenous Western Australians. The cabinet standing committee on Indigenous affairs is responsible for the development of the framework, and will ensure that all parties are involved in the implementation of the framework once completed.