

MAKU STADIUM — KALGOORLIE-BOULDER

286. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

- (1) What assistance is the state government providing to assist with the reopening of Maku Stadium, which has been closed, despite the community's recreational needs, since 2005?
- (2) What is the expected reopening date of the Maku Stadium?
- (3) Does the state government plan to appoint caretakers/managers for the Maku Stadium; and, if not, why not?
- (4) Why were offers from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Basketball Association to manage the Maku Stadium facility for 12 months refused?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Indigenous Affairs, Aboriginal Lands Trust and the Goldfields Land and Sea Council are presently considering options for the future management and operation of Maku Stadium. The state government has spent approximately \$50 000 this financial year on repairs to the stadium due to extensive vandalism that has occurred. As a result, the building has now been secured in an effort to prevent further damage and unauthorised access into the facility.
- (2) A reopening date is yet to be determined as options for the future use and management of the stadium have yet to be finalised.
- (3) The DIA recently appointed a caretaker who has taken up residency at the stadium.
- (4) No formal written application has been received from the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Basketball Association in regard to the proposed management or use of the stadium.