

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND TENDERS — KINGS SQUARE DEVELOPMENT

1334. Ms S.F. McGurk to the Minister for Finance:

I refer to the Tenders WA website and ask:

- (a) how many times has the tender for the office accommodation in the Kings Square development been advertised;
- (b) how many companies applied for the tender for the government office accommodation each time it was advertised at the Kings Square development in Fremantle;
- (c) what were the names of the companies who applied for the tender;
- (d) what are the reasons for the delays in this project;
- (e) what is the timeline for the relocation of a government department; and
- (f) why is the government stalling on its election promise to move a government department to Fremantle?

Dr M.D. Nahan replied:

- (a) No tenders have been advertised for office accommodation in the Kings Square development. However, the Department of Finance has undertaken market sounding in the Fremantle area.
- (b) Market sounding for office accommodation in Fremantle was undertaken between May and July 2013, with four submissions received.
- (c) Market sounding submissions were received from:
 - Fremantle Port Authority;
 - Sirona Capital Management Pty Ltd;
 - Tembo Property Group Pty Ltd; and
 - EG Funds Management Pty Ltd.
- (d) The Department of Finance has been tasked with developing a business case regarding office accommodation in Fremantle. The Government is yet to consider a proposal to relocate an agency to Fremantle.
- (e) The timing of any proposed relocation will be the subject of a business case.
- (f) The Government is committed to the decentralisation of office space where it can be demonstrated that better value for money outcomes are achievable. The business case will examine the merits of any proposal to decentralise.