

COMMUNITY SERVICES — FUNDING PROCESS

4262. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Child Protection; Women’s Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

In relation to Community Services since March 2017:

- (a) have any funding, tenders or grants application processes changed;
- (b) have the funding amounts or funding periods changed; and
- (c) if so, can the Minister table the contracts, grants, tenders and the relevant changes?

**Ms S.F. McGurk replied:**

- (a) Yes. In October 2018, the revised Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy was released.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) The revised Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy has a requirement for service agreements to have a minimum five-year initial term to ensure continuity, efficiency and sustainable service delivery. The Department of Communities has over 1,100 funding agreements with not for profit and for profit organisations. This detailed information would require considerable time, which would divert staff away from their normal duties and it is not considered to be a reasonable or appropriate use of government resources to provide this information. If the member has an inquiry about a specific agreement, I encourage the member to ask and I will endeavour to provide a reply. Specific information regarding individual State Government funding agreements are published on the Tenders WA website in line with State Supply Commission policies.