

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING OFFICES — RELOCATION

910. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Finance:

I refer the Minister for Finance to the relocation of the offices of the Department of Housing to Fremantle announced in 2012 by the then Minister for Finance, Simon O'Brien, which was a component of phase 1 of the plan to save a reported \$20 million to \$25 million to the taxpayer by 2015.

- (1) When will the tender process be finalised and the government honour its commitment to relocate the Department of Housing to the Fremantle CBD?
- (2) Is it not true that the tender has gone out and been extended, and that there has been a complying tender that fits the criteria; and, if so, why has the minister not accepted it?

Dr M.D. NAHAN replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Fremantle for the question. What she says is right. We have gone out for expressions of interest. Four parties did respond. They are currently being evaluated as to their suitability and costs. No advice as to the conclusion from those tenders has been given to me yet. When it is, we will make an announcement on that.