

COMMUNITY SERVICES — EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

4520. Mrs A.K. Hayden to the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

In regards to the Empowering Communities Program administered by the Department of Communities, can the Minister answer the following:

- (a) How much did the procurement process cost;
- (b) How much was spent by services on the procurement process e.g. consultant fees;
- (c) Can you provide a detailed timeline of the tendering process through to procurement including the number of dates of funding extensions; and
- (d) Please provide a detailed list of the funding amounts for each successful applicant and a detailed list of the existing organisations whose funding has not been renewed beyond 2019?

Ms S.F. McGurk replied:

- (a) The Department of Communities (Communities) manages the costs of services within its funding appropriation. Communities does not itemise costs associated with managing individual procurements and contracts.
- (b) Communities does not have information on the costs incurred by community service organisations regarding the Empowering Communities Program procurement process.
- (c) Refer to [See tabled paper no 2275.] which outlines the Empowering Communities Program Procurement Process Timeline.
- (d) Refer to [See tabled paper no 2275.] which outlines the Empowering Communities Program Successful Applicants. Communities is unable to advise the funding amounts as negotiations are being finalised and Communities is also finalising negotiations with 10 preferred providers. Upon finalisation of the tender process, the funding information for all successful providers will become available when the tender award details are published on Tenders WA.

Refer to [See tabled paper no 2275.] which outlines the Service Agreements for Community and Neighbourhood Development Services ceasing 30 June 2019. Existing Community and Neighbourhood Development Services service providers who were unsuccessful in the Empowering Communities Program tender will receive an extension to their service agreement to 30 June 2020, with the exception of two providers who did not submit a response to the Empowering Communities Program tender process.