

MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT — PORTFOLIOS — DEBT COLLECTION AGENCIES

5138. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

For all departments, agencies, government trading enterprises or boards within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities, I ask:

- (a) (a) Do any have contracts with Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd or similar debt collection agencies for the recovery of fines, overdue amounts or debts; and
- (b) (b) if yes to (a):
  - (i) What is the name of the debt collection agency;
  - (ii) What is the total amount currently being recovered by the debt collection agency and how many individual debts does this amount comprise; and
  - (iii) What was the total amount sent for recovery by the debt collection agency in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date, and how many individual debts does each of these amount comprise each year?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

This answer pertains to contracts with Baycorp (WA) Pty Limited. If the member has a question about another debt collection agency, I would encourage him to be more specific.

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (including statutory bodies and former departments prior to July 2017)

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

Metropolitan Cemeteries Board

- (a) No.
- (b) Not applicable.

National Trust of Western Australia

- (a) Yes.
- (b) (i) Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd (contracted in 2018)
- (ii) \$44,710 comprising 17 individual debts.
- (iii) 2016: nil; 2017: nil; 2018: \$47,239 (27 individual debts); 2019: nil.

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

- (a)–(b) Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice 5147.

Former State Heritage Office

- (b) (iii) 2016: nil; 2017: nil; 2018: not applicable.