

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES — THE PEOPLE PLACE, BUSSELTON

4776. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to Legislative Council Question Without Notice No. 18 answered on 12 February 2019, and I ask:

- (a) Will The People Place Busselton be guaranteed funding through the Empowering Communities Program when their service model aligns with the requirements of the program;
- (b) To be funded beyond 2020, will The People Place Busselton need to reapply for funding through the current or future rounds of the Empowering Communities Program; and
- (c) When will the next round of the Empowering Communities Program funding be available for tender?

Ms S.F. McGurk replied:

- (a) The Department of Communities is working with The People Place Busselton to assist them to demonstrate alignment with the Empowering Communities program. Once this is achieved, the organisation will be invited to submit an Offer, in line with State Supply Commission Policies, which will be formally assessed by an evaluation panel.
- (b) The People Place Busselton is currently contracted to 30 June 2020. Further funding beyond this date is contingent upon progress to align with the Empowering Communities program.
- (c) The contracts for the Empowering Communities Program are for a period of five years, to 30 June 2024.