

WITTENOOM — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

**861. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands:**

I refer to the answers I was provided to my question without notice asked on 20 September regarding the eviction and removal of Wittenoom resident Lorraine Thomas on 8 September.

- (1) For the four attending government employees, will the minister please provide their roles and respective agencies?
- (2) Did the government request the attendance of St John Ambulance, the Sheriff's Office, the WA Police Force or any other authority, service provider or agency?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the minister please provide the roles of those attending and their respective agencies?
- (4) If yes to (2), are the costs of those attending included in the approximate total costs provided by the minister?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Given there were contractors on site to begin decommissioning works, two officers from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's property and risk management team attended to oversee the works and to take possession of the properties.  
  
Two appointed deputy sheriffs from the Department of Justice attended to serve warrants for possession for the properties that were subject to compulsory acquisition.
- (2) Yes, St John Ambulance officers were requested to attend the site. WA police were notified and on standby if required but did not attend the site.
- (3) Noting the age and other associated considerations of the last remaining resident, two St John Ambulance officers attended the site.
- (4) No, as St John Ambulance is not a government agency.