

PINDAN GROUP — LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS — SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

206. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to the recent announcement that construction company Pindan has been placed into external administration. The Shire of Ashburton has confirmed that this will leave the building of the Tom Price childcare centre and the emergency services precinct on hold indefinitely.

- (1) Since the announcement, has the minister contacted the Shire of Ashburton to gauge the impact that the delay in these projects will have on the community of Tom Price?
- (2) What actions will the minister take to ensure that these vital community infrastructure projects will be completed in a timely manner?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The administration of Pindan is very concerning and has significant impacts across a number of local government areas. The Tom Price childcare centre is project managed by the Shire of Ashburton and Rio Tinto. The state government is working actively to mitigate the impacts of administration. The Minister for Commerce and the Minister for Finance will continue to work with the administrators on matters relating to Pindan's existing projects.