

WITTENOOM — GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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

I refer to the eviction and removal of Wittenoom resident Lorraine Thomas on 8 September.

- (1) On the day in question, how many government employees attended Wittenoom and what were their roles?
- (2) Please provide an estimate of the costs associated with those government employees travelling to Wittenoom.

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I answer on behalf of the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Government employees attended Wittenoom to oversee the contract works to secure services and buildings across the town site, and as part of this, served an eviction notice on the remaining resident at Wittenoom. The remaining resident voluntarily vacated the premises the same day. Four government employees were required to undertake this range of tasks.
- (2) Employees travelling to Wittenoom were required to undertake site inductions, work health and safety requirements and staging at Tom Price, due to the extreme risk of attending the Wittenoom town site. Four employees travelling to multiple sites, including Wittenoom, cost approximately \$8 000.