

WORKERS' ACCOMMODATION — KALBARRI

491. Ms M. BEARD to the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the status of the Labor government's long-promised multi-user workforce accommodation facility in Kalbarri.

- (1) When did the state government first become aware that its preferred proponent, Petra Westkey Modular Housing, had suspended operations in Western Australia, with its office closed and all contact directed to a Malaysian phone number?
- (2) Why has the minister not disclosed this significant setback to the Kalbarri community, which has been waiting on this promised development for a prolonged number of years?

Mr J.N. CAREY replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for her question. We have been very clear about these processes. We made a clear election commitment in relation to Kalbarri and Exmouth, and that was to deliver land, to make it available and to work with the relevant local governments. We have done that. That was the clear election commitment. My agency has worked with proponents through that process. I am yet to receive the final advice on both of those projects, and when I do, I will report it to the Parliament.