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Dear Chair

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ESTIMATES - RESPONSE TO QUESTION

During the 2017-18 Budget Estimates hearings Hon Martin Aldridge asked a question in relation to Local Procurement Officers – question 1. Part (a) of the question asked for the names of the employees in each region. At the time I was seeking advice as to whether it was appropriate to release names of officers in this way.

Attached is a revised response to the question. It would be appreciated if this could be incorporated into the records of the Estimates Hearings and the Hon Member be advised of the response.

Kind regards

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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

- 1. I refer to page 6 of the hearings transcript where the Minister confirmed that a 'specialist local procurement officer' has been appointed in each region and I ask:
 - (a) What is the name of the employee in each region;

Answer:

Gascoyne Jill Dwyer

Goldfields-Esperance Peter Rampellini

Great Southern Gavin Ellis
Kimberley Andrew Beer
Mid West Gary Savill
Peel Tahlia Jones

Pilbara Eliza Carbines (commencing 23 July 2018)

South West Carly Anderson Wheatbelt Megan Creagh

(b) What level of employment is each engaged at;

Answer: Between levels 4 and 7.

(c) What is the tenure of each position;

Answer: This is dependent on the current employment status of the designated officer.

(d) Are these new FTEs or redeployed existing employees;

Answer: There are three new appointments and the balance are existing employees.

(e) If they are redeployed employees, what functions were they previously undertaking at the Regional Development Commission or agency;

Answer: Not Applicable.

(f) What training has been undertaken by each employee in order to undertake this new role; and

Answer: A two day workshop facilitated by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development. This was conducted in conjunction with the Department of Finance (DOF) and Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) and focused on an overview of the State Supply

Commission policies, Common Use Arrangements, Social Procurement, quotes, tenders, dispute resolution and a range of tools, guidelines and templates to enhance capability of the Local Content Officers.

In addition to this ongoing development for Local Content Officers is planned, with the next workshop being held in Perth on the 9th and 10th November 2017.

- (g) What will be the duties of the 'specialist local procurement officers'?

 Answer: Job Description statements have been developed and focus on;
 - Increasing regional businesses' knowledge, skills and capability to capture regional opportunities.
 - Increasing the portion of State Government and Industry contracts secured by regional contractors and businesses.
 - Providing regional perspectives to support decision making for the awarding of State Government contracts.
 - Maximising regional supplier and subcontracting arrangements and outcomes through Industry Participation Plans.
 - Engaging with lead contractors and suppliers to promote maximum local jobseeker participation.