LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 18 February 2014

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Agriculture and Food representing the Minister for Regional Development.

I refer to the article in the Kalgoorlie Miner of Saturday 16/11/2013 "Regional blueprint" and answer to QWON 838 and further ask:

- (1) Who negotiated and who signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Kalgoorlie Chamber of Commerce and the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) which informed the tender to Creating Communities for GEDC's Regional Blueprint?
- (2) Will the Minister table the joint Memorandum of Understanding between the Chamber of Commerce and the Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission?
- (3) If no to 2.) why not?
- (4) Is the GEDC exempt from implementing regular government procurement guidelines and procedures?
- (5) If yes to 4.) will the Minister table or explain that exemption?
- (6) Who or what company was the successful tenderer for Creating Communities for GEDC's Regional Blueprint?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

- (1) GEDC CEO & Corporate Service Manager and Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI) CEO negotiated the MOU. The GEDC CEO and KBCCI CEO signed the MOU.
- (2) Yes. I table the document.
- (3) Not Applicable
- (4) No.
- (5) Not Applicable
- (6) Creating Communities was engaged by the KBCCI through its own procurement processes.

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Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.

And

Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission

For the development of the following Project(s):

Goldfields-Esperance Regional Blueprint





THE ORGANISATIONS

Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KBCCI) and Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission (GEDC) both operate in the Goldfields Region of Western Australia.

The KBCCI provides a service to its members and the community by playing a leading role in the promotion and development of the region.

The Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission's (GEDC) enabling legislation is the Regional Development Commissions Act 1993 that requires the Commission to coordinate and promote economic development in the Goldfields-Esperance region of Western Australia.

The Project - Finalisation of the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Blueprint

To establish the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Blueprint (Blueprint) utilising the Blueprint Strategic Framework.

The purpose of the Blueprint is to set the future development direction for the Goldfields-Esperance region and to serve as a link between planning and investment.

The roles and functions of GEDC for the Project include:

- Establish a project scope to a suitable project proponent
- Meet the cost of the Project. The Project is expected to be approximately \$130,000.
- Provided documents as requested by the appointed proponent.
- Contract manage the project proponent
- Arrange suitable meetings with GEDC and KBCCI representatives to assist the proponent

The roles and functions of KBCCI for the Project include:

 Engage the successful proponent for the finalisation of the Blueprint to the Regional Development Council.

AGREEMENT

The KBCCI and GEDC agree to:

- Actively cooperate in the pursuit of sustainable regional development outcomes for the Goldfields-Esperance region via the Project.
- A regular exchange and review of plans and directions at officer level and conduct comprehensive briefings at the Board/Committee level where this is seen to be of mutual benefit by either party to the Memorandum.
- This MOU will commence on the date of execution and will remain in force until it is terminated by either party to this Memorandum upon giving three months notice to the other party.
- Either the parties to this Memorandum may, at any time by written notice, agree to vary this Memorandum. Any variation to this Memorandum must be in writing and signed by all parties to this Memorandum.

SIGNATORIES

Mr Hugh Gallagher Chief Executive Officer Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Date 99/10/2013

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Chief Executive Officer

Development Commission

Goldfields-Esperance

Mr Robert Hicks

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