

Contents of email sent to Torrance Mendez at The West Australian on 16 June 2004 by

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“In response to your questions, the Distress Relief Fund, Treasurer Noelene Jennings advises:

- The Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (Bali appeal) raised approximately \$800,000
- About \$680,000 has been disbursed to WA victims of the Bali tragedy, their families and supporters
- The fund is now addressing the longer-term needs of the seriously injured on a 6-monthly basis.
- The fund covers expenses arising as a result of reduced income, financial hardship and special needs
- 67 people have received assistance from the fund (total number of applicants not available at short notice)
- The LMDRF liaised with the Red Cross early in the process
- Decisions about fund allocations are made by the LMDRF board.
- Membership of the board is: Dr Peter Natrass (Lord Mayor), Barry MacKinnon, Albert Tognolini, Rob Rowell, Ann Carnley, Digby Blight, Jennifer Smith, Ian Taylor, Clive Robartson. City of Perth CEO Frank Edwards is the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer is our Director of Corporate Services Noelene Jennings.
- No administrative charges are made by the City of Perth for support services provided to the Fund, meaning that all funds go to the successful applicants.”