

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT — REGULATIONS

199. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act.

- (1) Is the commencement date still expected to be 1 July 2023?
- (2) Given the government's own deadline of February 2023 for the release of regulations and guidelines has now passed, when will they be released?
- (3) How much, if any, of the \$10 million committed to establishing local Aboriginal cultural heritage services in advance of the commencement of the bill has been allocated?

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

- (1) Yes, 1 July is the commencement date.
- (2) Most of the regulations are ready, but some are still outstanding. I have not been able to gazette them at this stage.
- (3) In regard to the \$10 million investment, the first round of applications went out. It has been taken up by some of the local Aboriginal cultural heritage services. There will be more forthcoming as time proceeds to 1 July.