

ABORIGINAL URBAN SETTLEMENTS, CLOSURE

1050. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

- (1) Has the Department of Indigenous Affairs prepared a discussion paper seeking the advice of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission on the future of four urban settlements: Cullacabardee, Henley Brook, the Nyoongah Community and the Swan Valley Nyungah Community; and will the minister table a copy of the Department of Indigenous Affairs paper?
- (2) Was the paper considered by the Perth Noongar Regional Council at its meeting in April 2003, and did the council resolve that it strongly opposed the wholesale closure of the four settlements?
- (3) Now that the Swan Valley Nyungah Community has been closed, will the minister proceed to close Cullacabardee, Henley Brook and the Nyoongah Community?

Hon KEN TRAVERS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, I provide the following answer -

- (1) No.

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: What is this in my hand?

The PRESIDENT: Order! The parliamentary secretary will answer the question.

Hon KEN TRAVERS: I will continue.

- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No.