

PERTH URBAN RAIL DEVELOPMENT, ABORIGINAL SITES

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

I refer to question without notice 945 regarding registered Aboriginal heritage sites within land and waters affected by the Perth urban rail development.

- (1) When were discussions and interactions with Aboriginal people and groups undertaken on the Perth station yard area, the Esplanade station area, the Narrows Bridge interchange area and Mt Henry?
- (2) Who were the Aboriginal people and groups consulted?
- (3) How many registered Aboriginal sites are affected by the Perth urban rail development?
- (4) Which sites are they?
- (5) Are there any sites that have not been the subject of discussion or interchange with Aboriginal people or groups?
- (6) Will the minister table the consolidated reports that summarise the separate consultations undertaken for each of the sites?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The answer provided is in the following terms -

- (1) The Western Australian Government Railways Commission engaged consultants Ted Hart and Rory O'Connor in August and September 2002 to undertake consultations in relation to the central business district section. There is no readily available information on the consultation for the Mt Henry area, although it is understood that that was undertaken earlier.
- (2) According to Hart and O'Connor in 2002, the groups consulted included the combined metropolitan working group native title claimants; the Ballaruk Aboriginal clan, an Aboriginal claimant group; the Jacobs clan; the independent metropolitan environmental group; and the Bibbulmun group, or Colbung clan.
- (3) It is not possible to provide a response unless a precise definition of the development is provided. However, the section 18 application for the portion of the project in the central business district identifies three registered Aboriginal sites within the influence of the city rail project.
- (4) The sites listed in the section 18 application are DIA 3536, Swan River; DIA 3702, Esplanade; and DIA 3737, Perth central railway station.
- (5) See response to part (3).
- (6) Not until the deliberative process is complete -

Hon Derrick Tomlinson: Why are you being secretive?

The PRESIDENT: Order! The parliamentary secretary will not respond to any subsequent questions.

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD: I am quite shocked by the outburst.

- (6) Not until the deliberative process is complete and subject to any confidentiality clause.