

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, BUDGET SURPLUS

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

- (1) Will the parliamentary secretary, on behalf the minister, confirm a surplus of approximately \$300 000 in the 2000-01 budget of the Aboriginal Affairs Department?
- (2) If so, will he outline what initiatives this surplus will be spent on to improve the quality of life of indigenous persons?

**Hon G.T. GIFFARD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) There is no surplus in the 2000-01 Aboriginal Affairs Department budget.