

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS, REGIONAL MANAGER, PORT HEDLAND

1302. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

- (1) Has the A/Director General Mr Richard Curry received correspondence from the State Chairperson of the State Commission of Elders' Council of 25 July 2001 expressing concerns about the roles and responsibilities of the Regional Manager, Port Hedland?
- (2) If so, what concerns were expressed?
- (3) Will the Minister outline what action was taken by the A/Director General to address these concerns?
- (4) Will the Minister table the correspondence from the State Commission of Elders of 25 July, 2001 and the A/Director General's reply to the Commission?

Mr CARPENTER replied:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The letter brought to Mr Curry's attention concerns by some delegates that the Port Hedland Regional Manager's attention was focused on issues outside the region and not on issues that needed to be resolved in the Pilbara Region.
- (3) The Acting Director General wrote to the Chairperson of the State Commission of Elders' Council offering to discuss the concerns raised if further information was provided in relation to them. To date, none has been received.
- (4) No. The information provided above accurately and adequately answer the questions asked by the honourable member, and one of the two documents requested contains a significant amount of other material which is not relevant to the questions at hand.