

PERTH-MANDURAH RAILWAY, ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SITES

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

- (1) Will any of the following Aboriginal heritage sites be disturbed by the development of the Perth to Mandurah railway between Mt Henry and the Perth central station: site identification 3536, Swan River; 3703 Spring Street; 3704 Kings Park Wagyl; 3754, Mt Eliza Wagyl; 3538, Canning River; 3705 foreshore camping ground; and 4406, Como?
- (2) If yes, which sites will be disturbed?
- (3) Have discussions been held with Nyoongah persons who have an interest, registered or otherwise, in the affected areas?
- (4) If yes, who, when and with whom?
- (5) Have agreements been reached with all interested Nyoongah persons affected?
- (6) If yes, what is the nature of those agreements?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Western Australian Government Railways Commission has sought consent for the use of the land containing a portion of DIA 3536 Swan River. This application is currently before the minister. A further application in respect of the route through the central business district has recently been lodged with the Department of Indigenous Affairs and will be considered by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee at its meeting in August. The preliminary examination of the application suggests that the Western Australian Government Railways Commission has indicated that DIA 3703, DIA 3704 and DIA 3754 will not be impacted. The Department of Indigenous Affairs has no current information about the possible impact on DIA 3538, DIA 3705 or DIA 4406.
- (3) The Western Australian Government Railways Commission has indicated consultation has been undertaken in relation to the crossing of the Swan River and the railway route through the central business district.
- (4) The Western Australian Government Railways Commission engaged Ted Hart, 2002 and 2003, and Rory O'Connor, 2002 and 2003, to undertake consultations. Consultations for the Swan River were taken with R. Wilkes, O. Wilkes, B. Wilkes and A. Wilkes on 7 January 2003, with R. Bropho, C. Harris, Greg Garlett, K. Garlett, Grant Garlett, B. Bodney, B. Bropho and P. Bropho on 8 January 2003; with A. Corunna, G. Corunna, N. Jones and D. Ponton on 18 February 2003; with K. Colbung and E. Colbung on 6 December 2002; with C. Bodney, V. Mippy, Ms C. Bodney, S. Anderson, T. Anderson and M. Bodney on 12 December 2002; with P. Hume, L. Crabbe, G. Yarran and R. Hume on 12 January 2003 and with C. Jacobs, K. Jacobs, T. Jacobs and N. Jacobs on 8 January 2003. Consultations for the route through the central business district were undertaken with R. Wilkes, O. Wilkes, A. Wilkes, E. Wilkes, V. Corunna, A. Corunna, B. Corunna and C. Corunna on 15 August 2002; with R. Bropho, K. Cameron, C. Isaacs, W. Bodney, I. Hayward-Jackson, A. Garlett, G. Garlett and K. Garlett on 15 August 2002; with P. Hume, L. Crabbe, R. Hume and G. Yarran on 13 and 21 August 2002; with C. Jacobs, N. Jacobs, T. Jacobs and K. Jacobs on 13 and 21 August 2002; with K. Colbung and E. Colbung on 19 and 21 August 2002; with C. Bodney, V. Mippy, Ms C. Bodney, M. Bodney, T. Bodney and S. Anderson on 14 August 2002; and C. Bodney on 2 September 2002.
- (5) Yes, according to Hart, 2002 and 2003, and O'Connor, 2002 and 2003.
- (6) Approval for the project subject to a range of conditions and requests; for example, monitoring of earthworks, the naming of a station after a local historically significant Nyoongah person, and maintenance of water quality in the river.