

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT —
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, LANDS AND HERITAGE PRESENTATION

409. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I have a supplementary question. The minister's own department yesterday said that having less than 12 months to co-design important documents was a challenge. Why will he not give it and stakeholders more time to implement them properly?

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

It certainly was a challenge. The legislation was complex to put into regulations, which we have done, but it has been completed. It was a challenge. We have completed it. The regulations are there, so why do we need to delay? Major industry personnel have said get it up and running, because only by the new regime being in operation can we iron out any issues that may arise.