

NATIVE TITLE AGREEMENTS — MINISTERIAL SIGN-OFF

10. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

- (1) Can it be confirmed that ministerial sign-off is required on native title agreements?
- (2) Can it be confirmed that the sign-off is required solely from the minister responsible for native title or if all cabinet ministers are required to provide sign-off?
- (3) For the agreement to be processed does the government require a majority sign-off from ministers or must the sign-off be unanimous?
- (4) Please list all native title agreements that are awaiting cabinet approval to be processed.

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

- (1)–(4) I thank the member for some notice of the question. I regret that I have not received a response from the Attorney General. If an explanation arrives before the end of question time, I will certainly provide it. Otherwise I will respond when I can.