

CULLACABARDEE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY — VISITS FROM DEPARTMENT

454. Ms R. Saffioti to the minister representing the Minister for Community Services

With regard to the Cullacabardee Aboriginal community, I ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide a list of times and dates that the Department of Communities visited the community in the past 12 months;
- (b) what were the reasons for the visits;
- (c) can the Minister provide a list of times and dates when the Department of Communities had telephone communication with residents from the community; and
- (d) what were the reasons for this communication?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

The Minister for Community Services has provided the following response

- (a) The Department for Communities Best Start co-ordinator and activity leader visited Cullacabardee twice last year on 31 March 2009 at 1.30 pm and 17 April 2009 at 11 am.
- (b) The purpose of these meetings was to discuss provision of suitable activities for babies and young children on one morning per week while school age children were attending school. The first meeting did not proceed. The second meeting was stopped by the chairperson of the Cullacabardee Community due to community friction between resident families.
- (c) The Best Start coordinator rang a young Indigenous community leader/spokesman prior to these two meetings.
- (d) The purpose of that phone call was to assist with arranging the two meetings outlined above.