

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Question on notice

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Thursday, 29 March 2012

5392. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

With regard to investigations by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) in heritage matters, I ask -

(1) Has the DIA investigation into complaints of damage to Aboriginal heritage sites at James Price Point been completed?

(2) What is the outcome of this investigation and will the Minister table the findings?

(3) When will DIA inform people who lodged complaints of the outcome of the investigation?

(4) Has the DIA investigation into the allegations raised by Sue Singleton, relating to conduct of Fortescue Metals, been completed?

(5) What is the outcome of the investigation and will the Minister table the findings?

(6) Is DIA investigating the allegations of unlawful damage to Yindjibarndi sites by Fortescue Metals?

(7) Has the investigation been completed?

(8) What is the outcome of the investigation and will the Minister table the findings?

(9) What is the budget allocation for the DIA Compliance Unit?

(10) How many other matters have been investigated by the compliance team?

Answer

(1) No

(2) Not applicable.

(3) When the investigation is completed.

(4) Yes

(5) There is not sufficient evidence to pursue the matter any further. The company has undertaken to strengthen its internal procedures.

(6) Yes

(7) Yes

(8) There is not sufficient evidence to pursue the matter any further.

(9) Approximately \$300 000.

(10) For the period of 1 July 2011 until present – 137.



Minister for Indigenous Affairs