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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(**Of** which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, **13** August **2013**

Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

With regard to the Stolen Wages Reparation Scheme WA, I ask:

1. Is the Minister aware of the claim for stolen wages submitted by Mr Patrick Mung from Warmun?

2. Is the Minister aware that Mr Mung's application was unsuccessful and that he is appealing the decision that has excluded him from the scheme on the grounds that the WA Government at the time in question was responsible for the protection, and therefore the discriminatory treatment, of Aboriginal people throughout the state, regardless of where they lived?

3. Is the Minister aware that Mr Mung had a reasonable expectation that the stolen wages scheme was the WA Government's approach to making amends for discriminatory treatment, including unpaid station wages, and that not to do so would be considered yet another form of discrimination?

4. Is the Minister aware that Mr Mung has written to the Government requesting a review of the scheme, its terms of reference and criteria for inclusion via a consultative process that fully involves Aboriginal people?

5. If yes to 4, how does the Government intend responding to the request?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

(1) Yes

(2) Yes, I am aware that Mr Mung's application was unsuccessful. However, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs advises that Mr Mung did not seek to appeal the decision through the Stolen Wages decision review process, which is now complete.

(3) No. The guidelines for the Stolen Wages Scheme are clearly stated in all relevant communications.

(4) Yes

(5) There are no plans to extend or reopen the Stolen Wages Scheme.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs