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

Tuesday, 18 March 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Planning.

Regarding the tearing down of buildings at the Swan Valley Nyungah Community, which took place on the morning of Tuesday 18 March 2014, I ask:

1. Given the buildings were designed and built in a cultural way and on sacred land, who gave the order to tear down the buildings?
2. Given the certificate of title for Reserve 43131 states the land is for the purpose of use and benefit of Aboriginal inhabitants, why was the destruction of buildings ordered?
3. At what time did the destruction of the buildings at the Swan Valley Nyungah Community commence?
4. Was the Premier aware of the decision to tear down the buildings at the Swan Valley Nyungah Community?
5. If yes to (4), when was the Premier aware?
6. Was the Swan Valley Nyungah Community advised of the impending destruction of their homes?
7. If yes to (6), when were they advised?
8. If no to (6), why not?

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

- (1) Cabinet agreed to the removal of the buildings as part of deliberations on the Korndin Kulluch plan.
- (2) The 23 buildings remained empty for more than 10 years and were uninhabitable due to vandalism. Extensive consultation with Aboriginal groups, representatives and the wider community was undertaken in preparing the Korndin Kulluch plan and there was overwhelming support for returning the former camp site to its natural state.
- (3) 7:00 am, 18 March 2014
- (4) The Premier and the Minister for Planning were aware that the structures were to be removed.
- (5) Cabinet agreed to the removal of the buildings as part of deliberations on the Korndin Kulluch plan, which is publicly available on the Department of Finance's website.
- (6) Refer to (2)
- (7) Through the consultation process associated with the Korndin Kulluch concept plan.
- (8) Not applicable

