

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 14 August 2018

1462. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

I refer to the Section 16 permit under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* issued to Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation (WGAC) for sites in the Spear Hill Area in September 2017, and I ask:

- (a) will the Minister confirm the proposed activity of the WGAC section 16 application;
- (b) on what date did the Registrar issue the section 16 permit number 578 to WGAC;
- (c) will the Minister confirm that WGAC was initially required to provide a report to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage by 30 November 2017;
- (d) will the Minister confirm on what date he became aware of the section 16 permit granted to WGAC by the Registrar;
- (e) will the Minister confirm that the Registrar extended the deadline for WGAC to submit the report to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage from 30 November 2017 to 1 March 2018; and
- (f) will the Minister confirm when he became aware of the Registrar's decision to grant the extension to the reporting deadline from 30 November 2017 to 1 March 2018?

Answer

- (a) The purpose of the section 16 application was to undertake a cultural investigation of 14 sites.
- (b) 22 September 2017
- (c) Yes.
- (d) Section 16 permits are issued by the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites on the advice of the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee and there is no requirement for the Minister to be advised. In this instance, the Minister was made aware of the section 16 permit on 27 September 2017 as part of a section 18 notice.
- (e) Yes, the deadline was extended at the request of the WGAC.
- (f) Section 16 permits are a matter for the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites, and accordingly the Minister was not made aware of the extension to the reporting deadline.

