

PIYARLI YARDI ABORIGINAL HERITAGE AND CULTURAL CENTRE

163. Hon KEN BASTON to the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne:

I refer to question 767 asked on 18 October 2005 regarding the proposed Piyarli Yardi Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre in Carnarvon.

- (1) Who has been appointed as the facilitator of the dispute mediation process regarding the management of the centre, and what progress has been made?
- (2) Have the architects issued the written list of required repairs to the builders; and if not, why not; and if so, what progress has been made with these repairs?
- (3) What are the anticipated dates for the centre's completion and opening?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

On behalf of the Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne, I thank Hon Ken Baston for providing some notice of the question.

- (1) Mr Fred Chaney agreed to act as the facilitator for an indigenous community meeting held in November 2005 at the Carnarvon Piyarli Yardi Heritage and Cultural Centre. A resolution was reached between members of the community that involves changes to the representative positions on the Piyarli Yardi Corporations Committee as well as amendments to the organisation's constitution. Nominees have been sought for representatives from the five regional language groups and for four community representatives. Nominations for positions closed on 15 March and the annual general meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 12 April. Unfortunately, due to a death in the indigenous community and as a sign of respect, the meeting was today postponed for two weeks.
- (2) Yes. A list of repairs was provided in December 2005. A notice of practical completion was issued on 8 November 2005. A defects liability period is in force until 8 November 2006. Outstanding existing repairs are considered only minor at this time.
- (3) The Minister for the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne will make an announcement about the opening of the centre in the next few weeks.