

NATIVE TITLE — YINDJIBARNDI CLAIM

897. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Yindjibarndi native title judgment.

- (1) Why does the Attorney General refuse to provide Parliament with a chronology of his involvement in the decision-making process leading to the decision not to appeal the judgment?
- (2) How does the Attorney General reconcile his answer of 1 November that the decision was made on or about 11 October and based on advice sought from the State Solicitor's Office in conjunction with the Solicitor-General and that a number of ministers were involved, with his answer of 7 November that it was made by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on advice of the State Solicitor's Office?
- (3) Did the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs seek the Attorney General's advice on the advisability of an appeal, and did the Attorney General offer or provide advice to the minister; and, if so, when and what was that advice?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Hon Ben Wyatt, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, provided a chronology on 2 November 2017 in answer to Legislative Council question without notice 763.
- (2)–(3) The answers provided on 1 and 7 November are both correct as the State Solicitor's Office and Solicitor-General provided advice to the minister in this decision. As stated in the answer on 2 November, a number of ministers were consulted.