

WATTLE DOWNS PASTORAL LEASE

Hon KEN BASTON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

I refer to question 84 asked on 7 April 2005 about the Wattle Downs pastoral lease—special lease 3116-11748. Has the application for a perpetual lease to the Yawuru Aboriginal Corporation now been approved; and, if not, why not?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The minister has provided the following answer —

The application for the perpetual lease to the Yawuru Aboriginal Corporation over Wattle Downs is now pending as a result of agreement between the state and the Rubibi global native title negotiators to include Wattle Downs in the Rubibi global native title negotiations. The land tenure of Wattle Downs will be resolved as part of the global settlement package between the state and Yawuru people.