

AUROX BALLA BALLA IRON ORE PROJECT

**124. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:**

The minister seems to be getting a lot of questions tonight! I refer to the development of the Balla Balla magnetite project by Aurox Resources Ltd, formerly Ferro Metals Australia Pty Ltd.

- (1) Will the minister table the FMA-commissioned Australian Interaction Consultants survey of the Balla Balla project area?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Did the survey identify or were any sites lodged by AIC in respect of the Balla Balla project area?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many and do they appear on the Aboriginal heritage inquiry system for the area?
- (5) Have any section 18s been lodged with the Department of Indigenous Affairs in respect of the areas of the Balla Balla magnetite project; and, if so, how many, for which sites and on what dates?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs I provide this response, which is brief by my standards!

- (1) No.
- (2) I do not have permission from the copyright owner to table the report.
- (3) The survey associated with the Australian Interaction Consultants report identifies 29 Aboriginal heritage sites in the Balla Balla project.
- (4) Twenty-nine.
- (5) No.