

BURRUP PENINSULA — ABORIGINAL SITES

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

I refer to Burrup Holdings Ltd and Yara International ASA; the development of a technical ammonium nitrate production facility or explosives plant on the Burrup Peninsula and known Aboriginal sites 9312, 9763, 9764, 10573, 11722, 18611, 19226, 20098, 23263, 23323 and 23383; question on notice 5523, asked on Thursday, 25 October 2007; question on notice 5554, asked on Tuesday, 13 November 2007; and, question on notice 418, asked on Tuesday, 5 May 2009.

- (1) Have section 18 applications been lodged for the ground disturbing activities associated with the site evaluation for this proposal?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Will the minister ensure that Burrup Holdings Ltd and Yara International ASA comply with the requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question and advise that some information has been provided by the Acting Minister for Indigenous Affairs, correct as at 22 March.

- (1) No.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the proponent to apply for section 18 consent or risk prosecution if it disturbs an Aboriginal site.
- (3) Yes.