

ABORIGINAL SITE 13076, WALMADAN (JAMES PRICE POINT) SITE K02164

1198. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the minister representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

I refer to the Fugro GEOS proposed installation of a 30-metre onshore meteorological tower to measure meteorological parameters and air quality, and the deployment of approximately 20 current meter moorings in water depths between eight metres and 200 metres adjacent to James Price Point and the Aboriginal site 13076, Walmadan (James Price Point) site K02164.

- (1) Has a section 18 been lodged in respect of the disturbance to this site?
- (2) If yes to (1), by whom?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Have any recent surveys been carried out over the area; and, if so, by whom?
- (5) Were the native title claimants Goolarabooloo/Jabirjabirr WC99/036 involved in or consulted about those surveys?
- (6) If yes to (5), who were the relevant stakeholders?
- (7) If no to (5), why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of this question. The Minister for Indigenous Affairs has provided the following information —

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) The Department of Indigenous Affairs was not informed of the proposed installations. DIA understands that the meteorological tower is outside the boundaries of Aboriginal site 13076 Walmadan (James Price Point).
- (4) DIA has not received reports of any surveys conducted in the relevant area in the last 10 years.
- (5)-(7) Not applicable.