

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT — UNITED NATIONS

647. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 and the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

- (1) Has the government had any correspondence with or provided any advice to the federal government regarding —
 - (a) the matters raised in UNCERD’s letter of 3 December 2021;
 - (b) the twenty-first and twenty-second combined periodic report requested by UNCERD in a letter dated 29 August 2022; or
 - (c) any other matters raised by UNCERD relating to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021?
- (2) If yes to any of (a) to (c), will the minister please table this correspondence or advice; and, if not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)
 - (a) Yes.
 - (b) There is no record of receiving any letter from UNCERD dated 29 August 2022.
 - (c) No.
- (2) Yes. I will table a letter from Hon Sussan Ley, MP, federal Minister for the Environment, to Hon Dr Tony Buti, MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, dated 11 January 2022, as well as a response from Hon Dr Tony Buti, MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, to Hon Sussan Ley, MP, federal Minister for the Environment, dated 28 January 2022.

[See paper 2294.]