

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

2021-22 Budget Estimates - Answers to Additional Questions

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC

Question:

I refer to Budget Paper 2 Volume 2 page 728, 'Significant Issues Impacting the Agency' point 1 'New Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Legislation'. There has been considerable public opposition to the proposed Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2021 from traditional owners, knowledge holders and land councils across Western Australia, and I ask is funding allocated to pursue further consultation and co-design of this bill, in order to address community concern, prior to its introduction to Parliament?

Answer:

The Government is committed to continuing consultation with Aboriginal people, industry and other stakeholders. Future consultation and engagement to co-design and develop the key supporting documents that are critical for the effective implementation of the new Act will be appropriately resourced.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

