Parliamentary Question

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Question & Answer:

With regard to communications with Woodside, and any of it entities or staff relating to the Pluto LNG proposal, I ask -

(1) How many communications via letter, email or phone have been received from Woodside or any of its entities or staff, and on what dates in relation to the Pluto project by -

(a) the Minister or former Minister and her ministerial staff;

(b) the Department of Indigenous Affairs; and

(c) the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee?

(2) Will the Minister provide the names of the Woodside officers who carried out this communication and with whom?

(3) Will the Minister provide copies of any communication from Woodside to:

(a) the Minister or former Minister and her ministerial staff;

(b) the Department of Indigenous Affairs; and

(c) the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee?

(4) If no to (3) why not?

(5) Will the Minister provide copies of any communication sent to Woodside by -

(a) the Minister or former Minister and her ministerial staff;

(b) the Department of Indigenous Affairs; and

(c) the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee?

(6) If no to (5), why not?

The Department of Indigenous Affairs advise:

(1) (a) (b) (c)

This information is not readily available. Provision of this information would require considerable research which would divert staff away from their normal duties and I am not prepared to allocate the State's resources to provide a response. If the member has a specific inquiry I will endeavour to provide a reply.

(2)

No.

(3)

(a)

No

(b)

No.

(c)

No.

(4)

Consistent with section 56 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* to retain confidentiality.

(5)

(a)

Yes. Refer to question 9 and question 18 of Legislative Council Question on Notice 4454.

(b)

No.

(c)

No.

(6)

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