

Question On Notice No. 6097 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **1 April 2008** by **Hon Giz Watson**

Question Directed to the: **Minister for Local Government** representing the **Minister for Indigenous Affairs**

Minister responding: **Hon M.H. Roberts**

Parliament: 37 Session: 1

Question

I refer to the letter sent to the Premier on 2 January 2008 from Mr Wilfred Hicks of the Wong-goo-tt-oo and forwarded to the Minister for action, and I ask -

(1) Is the Minister in receipt of this letter?

(2) Has the Minister responded to this letter?

(3) If yes to (2), will the Minister table a copy of her response, and indicate on what day she responded?

(4) If no to (2), why not?

(5) If no to (2), when can Mr Wilfred Hicks of the Wong-goo-tt-oo expect a response?

(1) Yes

(2) Yes

(3) Yes. The date of the response is 21 April 2008. See Tabled Paper No.:

(4) N/A

(5) N/A



————— MINISTER FOR —————
EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION; HOUSING AND WORKS; INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS;
HERITAGE; LAND INFORMATION
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Our Ref: 11-14220

Mr Wilfred Hicks
Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo Group
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Dear Mr Hicks

Thank you for your letter dated 2 January 2008 to the Premier, the Hon Alan Carpenter MLA, describing unsatisfactory treatment that the Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo Group received from the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA). The matter has been referred to me for response as Minister for Indigenous Affairs. I apologise for the delay in responding while advice was sought from the DIA.

It is my understanding that the DIA wrote to you on 8 January 2008 to apologise for the delay in responding to your letter dated 30 October 2007, and for any offence that may have been caused by the letter to you dated 13 December 2007.

I have stressed to the DIA the importance of establishing and maintaining a positive working relationship with yourself and the Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo people, and have requested that DIA representatives meet with you at your convenience to discuss and address any issues of concern that you may have.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

**HON MICHELLE ROBERTS MLA
MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS**

21 APR 2008