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Question & Answer:

With regard to question on notice No. 4722 I seek clarification, and I ask -

- (1) In response to (2), of 4722, does the Minister mean clause 6.1 of the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estate Agreement (BMIEA) or 6.1 of the Additional Deed?
- (2) If it was clause 6.1 of the BMIEA, what relevance was this to the question?
- (3) If it was clause 6.1 of the Additional Deed, given that 6.1 states, 'The State must ensure that within 5 years of the date of this deed, site identification surveys, to a standard set by the Department of Indigenous Affairs (which standard shall be consistent with the Heritage Policies), have been conducted over the Survey Area with each of the Deed Parties', In response to (2). of question on notice No.4722 the Minister stated that surveys will comply with the Burrup heritage report standards set out in 6.1 and as it appears that 6.1 of the Additional Deed stated that DIA were to set the standards, what are the standards to be set by the DIA, and which are the relevant Heritage Policies?
- (4) Given current peer Archaeological thinking on the need to completely survey and catalogue the Dampier Archipelago over an extended period, would not a five year principle be best established as stage one of a set of multi-stage surveys?

The Department of Indigenous Affairs advises:

- 1) The Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement (BMIEA) Additional Deed.
- 2) Not applicable.
- 3) The standards and policies are outlined in *Aboriginal Heritage Survey Reports: Standards for Preparing Reports for Aboriginal Heritage Surveys on the Burrup Peninsula*.
- 4) At present surveys are being conducted over the proposed industrial lands identified in the BMIEA. The Department of Indigenous Affairs is currently identifying suitable consultants to undertake heritage surveys of the non-industrial lands of the Dampier Archipelago. It is envisaged these surveys will occur over a number of fieldwork seasons, the exact number of which cannot be identified at present due to the varying rates at which surveys can be conducted over the landscape.