

Question On Notice No. 5917 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **19 February 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 Minister of the day rejecting the ACMC recommendation that the Section 18 application be refused expansion of the Koolyanobbing northern mineral tenements at Windarling and Mt Jackson, and ask –

- (1) Did any employee, Director of the Portman Mining Company or individuals representing their interests make any representation to the Minister of the day or the DIA in respect of these section 18 applications?
- (2) If yes to (1), who were those people?
- (3) If yes to (1), what was the nature of that representation?
- (4) Does the Minister, former Minister or Department have any form of correspondence in respect of this matter?
- (5) If yes to (4), will the Minister table that correspondence?

The Department of Indigenous Affairs advises:

1. Yes.
2. It is appropriate that Portman Company supply the names of employees, Directors or individuals representing it in relation to this matter.
3. Portman Mining Company sought advice from DIA in relation to its Section 18 application.
4. Yes.
5. Due to the nature of information sought, the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* apply.