

WRITTEN QUESTIONS


7th Assembly

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131. Report on "An Aboriginal Language Interpreter Service"

Mr. BELL to MINISTER for ABORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT

QUESTION

1. In respect of the April 1995 Consultancy report, "An Aboriginal Language Interpreter  WQA131.DOCService", which recommendations have been accepted by the Northern Territory Government to fulfil the Country Liberal Party's 1994 election promise to "develop a technical interpreter/translator service within all service delivery Departments, comments with the Departments of Health Services and Education.
2. Have any of the recommendations of the Report referred to in question not been accepted; if so, which have not been accepted.
3. If the answer to question 2 is yes, what is the reason for the recommendations not being accepted.
4. What is the deadline for the implementation of recommendations of the Report which have been accepted.

ANSWER

Answered on 20/02/97

The report was prepared for the Office of Aboriginal Development by an unattached officer of the then Department of Lands, Housing and Local Government and does not have the status of an external consultancy report.

The research was not required by terms of reference of the study to make recommendations.

On 17 July 1996, the Member for Macdonnell posed the same questions to me by way of letter. A detailed response was provided in a letter dated 17 August 1996.