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SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

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Senator Stott-Despoja asked on 17 November 2003

Question:

Minister Minchin also informed me in this same letter that “Site 40a, and the associated access corridor, were in fact identified by relevant Aboriginal groups as not having any particular Aboriginal heritage values and were given heritage clearances by them for the construction and operation of the national repository”. Did the Minister or his Department meet with members of the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta (the Senior Aboriginal Women’s Council, in Coober Pedy)?

Answer:

Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta

Yes. As indicated in the Chapter 1 of the Main Report of the Environmental Impact Statement for the national repository, Departmental officials met with the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjuta Aboriginal Corporation in Coober Pedy in 1998.

Senator Minchin met with representatives of various Aboriginal groups with native title claims or heritage interests in the Woomera region, including members of the Kupa Piti Kungka Tjutja, in Port Augusta on 2 March 2000 to discuss issues related to the national repository.