

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Reconciliation Action Plan

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QUESTION No.: SI-80

Itemised questions relating to the RAP 2014-2016:

1. In relation to item 1.1 of the RAP 2014-2016, since July 2013, how many meetings have been held between Industry representatives and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders? If none, why?
2. In relation to item 2.2, how many lunchtime seminars by Aboriginal groups have been facilitated by Industry? If none, why?

ANSWER

1. Meetings with Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander communities occur as it relates to the work of the Department. For example, economic development opportunities associated with the Murdi Paaki engagement pilot in far west NSW, the Wajarri Yamatji community within the Indigenous Land Use Agreement for the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory and Square Kilometre Array, and engagement with communities through the Working in Partnership initiative in the mining sector.
2. There have not been any lunchtime seminars in 2014, although the Department's Indigenous Employee's Network has been supported to showcase their culture, artwork and history through NAIDOC events, the Boots for (Indigenous) Kids campaign and the departmental expo for staff. Lunchtime seminars are planned for 2015.