

## Aboriginal trade details sought

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Viner, has told a member of the National Aboriginal Congress Inc, Mr Keith Smith, in a telegram that the Government would need "full details" of a proposed multi-million-dollar Aboriginal import-export enterprise before it considered giving its moral and financial support to the enterprise.

Mr Viner's telegram was in response to a telegram sent to him by Mr Smith on January 18, in which he said "... we are awaiting first shipments [from Third World countries]".

"In order to keep the matter an Australian enterprise and in line with your Government's policy of self-determination, we request your Government's moral and financial support in this matter", the telegram said.

"Unless such support is forthcoming within 48 hours we have no alternative but to take up offers of foreign support

...". In his reply, dated January 21, Mr Viner said, "I think you would agree that on such matters the Government would need to be informed first about the full details of your proposals, including the nature of them and the persons with whom you are dealing and the authority which you hold

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...". Mr Smith would not say on Wednesday night which Third World countries had been negotiated with, but it is understood that Kenya is one of them.