

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
Question on notice

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Tuesday, 24 June 2014

1329. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

(1) How many places have been reported to the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites under section 15 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, for the following months:

- (a) July 2013;
- (b) August 2013;
- (c) September 2013;
- (d) October 2013;
- (e) November 2013;
- (f) December 2013;
- (g) January 2014;
- (h) February 2014;
- (i) March 2014;
- (j) April 2014; and
- (k) May 2014?

(2) Of the places reported to the Registrar in (1), how many were assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee within each of the listed months?

(3) Of the places assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee in (2), how many were assessed as sites according to section 5 of the Act, within each of the listed months?

(4) Of the places assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee in (2), how many were assessed as not meeting the terms of section 5 of the Act for each of the listed months?

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(1) (a) - (k) The following numbers of Aboriginal heritage places were lodged with the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites (the Registrar) from July 2013 to May 2014:

Month	Lodged
July 2013	36
August 2013	78
September 2013	13
October 2013	2
November 2013	16
December 2013	59
January 2014	60
February 2014	88
March 2014	337
April 2014	473
May 2014	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,289</b>

(2) - (4) The majority of places assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee from July 2013 to May 2014 were submitted with Notices lodged under section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. These places were processed in line with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' 70-day performance target for section 18 Notices from receipt to Ministerial decision, and were therefore assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee approximately eight weeks after lodgement with the Registrar.

Month	Number Assessed	Site	Not a Site
July 2013	65	4	61
August 2013	43	4	39
September 2013	113	25	88
October 2013	48	23	25
November 2013	160	10	150
December 2013	142	12	130
January 2014	No meeting	No meeting	No meeting
February 2014	193	12	181
March 2014	3	1	2
April 2014	104	3	101
May 2014	116	8	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>885</b>



**Minister for Aboriginal Affairs**