

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT — WORKSHOPS

325. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the education workshops being held throughout the state to support the implementation of the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act.

- (1) How is the government advertising and promoting these workshops?
- (2) Why are no workshops being hosted in the wheatbelt?
- (3) Will the minister commit to adding workshops in the wheatbelt to assist landowners, businesses and local governments to understand the act, guidelines and regulations?

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

- (1)–(3) The workshops are going to be advertised through the department’s website. Notices have been sent out to the various media outlets. Notices have been sent to the various associations representing pastoralists, farmers and so forth, and various other organisations. With regard to the number of workshops, they start on 24 May and finish around 28 June. There are 13 workshops in Bunbury, Armadale, Perth, Perth again, Kununurra, Broome, Karratha, Port Hedland, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Albany and Carnarvon, and there is also an online session. The wheatbelt is not that far from Perth—and there is an Esperance and Albany workshop. If people wish to travel to those venues, they can, or they can go online. There are 13 education sessions. I think there is a good spread in the regions throughout Western Australia and there are enough opportunities for people to meet in person at the education sessions or to go online.