

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE BILL 2021 — CONSULTATION

1175. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to question without notice 1036 asked on 30 November 2021. I refer to Minister Dawson's comments in the Legislative Council on 9 December 2021, when he said —

I am aware of at least one location, Warburton, at which the session was done in language ...

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... I answered the question the way it was asked. Your comments are wrong.

- (1) Of the 175 workshops, meetings and information sessions held as part of the consultation process for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill 2021, were any conducted in First Nations languages?
- (2) If yes to (1), which sessions, and in which First Nations languages were they conducted?
- (3) Does the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage plan to conduct any of the co-design and consultation workshops for the regulations of the ACH bill in First Nations languages?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many workshops and in which languages?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide this response on behalf of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, who is out of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business.

- (1)–(2) Interpreting services were provided in workshops held at Balgo, Warmun and Warburton.
- (3)–(4) The Western Australian government is establishing a regulatory task force—the Aboriginal cultural heritage reference group—that will comprise two Aboriginal representatives, one male and one female, and a representative from each of industry and the WA government. The role of the Aboriginal cultural heritage reference group will be to oversee the development of the co-design process to ensure that it is delivered in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner. It will be up to the group to determine the number and location of workshops and meetings as well as the format in which they will be conducted.