

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL MATERIAL COMMITTEE — SECTION 18 NOTICES

2878. Hon Robin Chapple to the minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the procedures and approvals of works under section 18 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee (ACMC), and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister confirm how many section 18 notices for land that is described as a mining lease, were bought before the ACMC, since 1 July 2010; and
- (b) of the section 18 notices pertaining to mining leases, how many have been declined in the same period (as of 1 July 2010), by the Minister?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

- (a) 463
  - (b) Nil. This confirms what I have consistently highlighted, the obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* are not an impediment to the effective operations of the mining industry, particularly where mining companies enter into positive consultations with traditional owners.
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