

HERITAGE — LOCAL GOVERNMENTS — BUILDING INVENTORY COMPLIANCE

833. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Heritage:

- (1) What was the rate of compliance by Local Governments with section 45 of the *Heritage Act 1990*, as at:
 - (a) 30 June 2014;
 - (b) 30 June 2015;
 - (c) 30 June 2016; and
 - (d) 14 June 2017?
- (2) Which councils were not compliant as at 14 June 2017?
- (3) What work has the State Heritage Office and/or Heritage Council undertaken with non-compliant councils?
- (4) By what date will all Local Government councils be compliant with section 45?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (1) (a)–(d) Section 45 of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* (the Act) requires local governments to:
 - compile an inventory of heritage places within four years of the commencement of the Act (section 45(2));
 - update the inventory annually (section 45(2)(a)); and
 - review the inventory every four years (s.45(2)(b)).

Advice provided by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (the Department) is that 98 percent of local governments (136 out of 138) have compiled a heritage inventory. The Department continues to provide assistance to the two remaining local governments in the development of their inventories.

As at 14 June 2017, approximately 47 percent of local governments had reviewed their inventory at least once since adoption. This has been gradually increasing since 30 June 2014 (33 percent).

No local government has achieved full compliance with regards to section 45(2) of the Act, for each of the years outlined in (a) to (d).

- (2) See response to (1).
- (3) The Heritage Council of Western Australia engages with local governments and the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) to encourage greater compliance with the Act and promote its heritage inventory guidelines such as ‘Basic Principles for Local Government Inventories’ and ‘Criteria for the Assessment of Local Heritage Places and Areas’.

The Department, in partnership with WALGA, has also established a preferred supplier panel operated by WALGA to provide access for local governments to engage qualified professional heritage consultants to assist with inventory reviews.

- (4) The Heritage Council and the Department will continue working with local governments to encourage compliance with the Act.