

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT

437. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the implementation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act on 1 July 2023.

- (1) Will the heritage agreements that were agreed as part of the south west native title settlement remain valid on the promulgation of the new act?
- (2) If no to (1), will they need to be renegotiated?
- (3) Has the Department of the Premier and Cabinet sought legal advice on the matters raised in part (1)?
- (4) If yes to (3), can the advice be tabled?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The government is reviewing the template Noongar standard heritage agreements to ensure compliance with the new act and relevant guidelines.
- (3) Yes, the State Solicitor’s Office is providing ongoing legal advice about the implementation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act.
- (4) No. The advice is subject to legal professional privilege.