

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT

354. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the implementation of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act.

- (1) Has the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage finalised and deployed the relevant IT platform for spatial information on local Aboriginal cultural heritage services?
- (2) If no to (1), when will that be deployed?
- (3) Has the DPLH finalised a system for permit applications to LACHS?
- (4) If no to (3), when will that be deployed?
- (5) How much of the \$10 million allocated to support LACHS been drawn down?
- (6) Which LACHS have received funding from the state government?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is currently developing a new ICT platform, which will include information relating to LACHS and provide for the lodgement of applications for permits and Aboriginal cultural heritage management plans, to be ready for the implementation of the new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 on 1 July 2023.
- (5) Nil. The grant program commenced with a call for expressions of interest, and 43 organisations and individuals have responded to that EOI, with more responses expected prior to the act coming into effect.
- (6) Not applicable.