

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL MATERIAL COMMITTEE — MEMBERSHIP

817. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs:

I refer to the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee and the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

- (1) Who are the current members of the APMC?
- (2) Which members are appointed and what are their qualifications in relation to section 28(4)?
- (3) Which members are ex officio and what are their qualifications in relation to section 29(b) and (c)?
- (4) Which member currently holds the position of specialist anthropologist in accordance with section 28(3)?
- (5) How long has that person held the appointment?
- (6) In relation to (4), who was consulted about the appointment?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

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

- (1) The members are Gavin Fielding, chairperson; Ms Vanessa Davies, member; Ms Vanessa Kickett, member; Ms Bev Byron, member; Mr Bill Bennell, member; Mr Michael Robinson, deputy specialist anthropologist; Ms Louise Austen, deputy member; Ms Julia Burns, deputy member; Mr Ben Cross, deputy member; Mr Cliff Weeks, ex officio, Department of Indigenous Affairs; Mr Alec Coles, ex officio, Western Australian Museum; and Mr Ken McCrackan, ex officio, Department of Planning.
- (2) Please refer to the response to (1). Members were selected from a pool of applicants with knowledge of and interest in Aboriginal culture.
- (3) Under section 29 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972, ex officio members are appointed by virtue of their office. Mr Cliff Weeks, appointed under section 29(b,) is the Director General of the Department of Indigenous Affairs. Mr Ken McCrackan, appointed under section 29(c), is manager, south east, at the Department of Regional Development and Lands.
- (4) The position of specialist anthropologist is currently vacant. The deputy specialist anthropologist will act in the position until a permanent member is appointed.
- (5) The deputy specialist anthropologist was appointed in September 2011.
- (6) Tertiary institutions were consulted.