

Question On Notice No. 5093 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **28 August 2007** by **Hon Giz Watson**

Question Directed to the: **Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Heritage**
Minister responding: **Hon M.H. Roberts**
Parliament: **37** Session: **1**

Question

With regard to the current assessment of the Burrup Peninsula by the Heritage Council of Western Australia (HCWA), I ask -

- (1) When was the assessment first considered by HCWA?
- (2) When did HCWA place the Burrup on its assessment list?
- (3) Was an assessment carried out and over what period?
- (4) Was this assessment finalised?
- (5) If yes to (4), -
 - (a) on what date; and
 - (b) what was the conclusion of this assessment?
- (6) Did members of HCWA visit Karratha as part of their assessment?
- (7) If yes to (6), on what date?
- (8) Who attended the Karratha visit?
- (9) What was the total cost breakdown of this visit?
- (10) Has HCWA considered recommending the Burrup to the Minister for inclusion on the register of state heritage places?
- (11) If yes to (10), on what date?
- (12) At how many meetings of the HCWA has the matter of the Burrup assessment been considered, and on what dates?
- (13) Has the Minister been aware of the HCWA's assessment of Burrup Peninsula for inclusion on the State Register of Heritage Places?
- (14) If yes to (13), when was the Minister first advised?
- (15) What has been the Ministers view been on inclusion of the Burrup Peninsula's placement on the State Register of Heritage Places?
- (16) Has the Minister conveyed that view to the HCWA?
- (17) If yes to (16), on what date?

Answered on 16 October 2007

Heritage Council of WA advises:

(1) In June 2002 at which time the place was considered to be outside the scope of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* (the Act).

(2) In May 2005 it was included in the Heritage Council's assessment program on advice from State Solicitor's Office (SSO) that the Dampier Archipelago was a place covered by the Act. Assessment was not commenced at this time as the Dampier Archipelago had already been nominated to the National Heritage List and it was expected that the Australian Heritage Council would be assessing the place.

(3) Assessment commenced in July 2006.

(4) No.

(5) N/A.

(6) Members of the Heritage Council, together with Heritage Council Officers and others, visited the site in the course of the Heritage Council's regular monthly meeting. This is in accordance with the Heritage Council's policy of having at least one meeting per year in a regional centre.

(7) 12 July 2006.

(8) Heritage Councillors: Gerald Gauntlett; Philip Griffiths; Philip Vincent; the Hon Ron Davies AM; Ainslie Evans; Professor David Dolan; Marion Fulker and Jennifer Moen.

HCWA officers: Ian Baxter, Stephen Carrick, Neta Gill, Christine Lewis, Helena Waldmann.

Policy Officer (Heritage), Office of the Minister for Heritage: Linda Thoresen.

Environmental Policy Officer, Department of the Premier and Cabinet: Rosh Ireland.

(9) The visit of the Council to Karratha cost a total of \$19,877.01. This included the visit to the Burrup site, a visit to Cossack, a meeting with representatives from the Shire of Roebourne and the regular monthly meeting. The total cost of the trip breaks down as follows:

item	cost
Airfares	8786.53
Accommodation and meals	6042.85
Meeting Room hire	435.28
Transport	2548.90
sundries	189.20
Function for 60	1874.25
Total cost	19877.01

(10) Yes this was considered but not proceeded with.

(11) 13 October 2006

(12) Since July 2006 the assessment of Dampier Archipelago has been considered 6 times by the Heritage Council and its Committees. The dates on which the assessment was considered by the Heritage Council are 14 July 2006; 13 October 2006; 17 November 2006 and 31 August 2007. The Heritage Council's Register Committee also considered the assessment at its meetings of 28 July 2006 and 25 August 2006.

(13) Yes. The Minister has been informed of the assessment processes as they have gone forward.

(14) 25 July 2006.

(15) The Minister's view is that State Listing under the Heritage of Western Australia Act (1990) is not required. The Heritage Council does not normally deal with sites of Indigenous significance. These have their own statutory protection under the Aboriginal Heritage Act (1972).

(16) The Minister has met with the Chairman of the Heritage Council and conveyed her view to him.

(17) 12 February 2007.