

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Vowles to the Minister for Community Services:

Protection of Sacred Sites

1. Please provide details of all consultations held in 2013/14 in respect of review of the *Northern Territory Sacred Sites Act*, including date, location, people present and summary of issues discussed in each consultative meeting.
 2. Please provide details of:
 - a) any action taken by you to ensure that the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory has taken appropriate measures to ensure the protection of sacred sites on properties that they have management responsibility for
 - b) all action taken and reported to the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority and site custodians in relation to damage to sacred sites at Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve and Judburra/Gregory National Park
 3. Please provide details of all advice provided by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority to you and/or the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment in 2012/13 and 2013/14 in relation to human burials known or believed to be present in the vicinity of Lot 5182 Town of Darwin and Lot 8630 Town of Nightcliff.
 4. Please provide details of any sacred site remediation and protection measures taken in 2013/14 or planned for 2014/15 at Bootu Creek mine site in relation to damage to sacred sites at that location.
 5. Please provide details of any activities undertaken by the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority in 2013/14, or planned for 2014/15, in relation to supporting the inter-generational sharing of knowledge about sacred sites and sacred site protections issues among site custodians.
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