

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE  
(Of which some notice has been given)Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

I refer to the Perth Airport redevelopment, and I ask:

1. How many Aboriginal Sites or Other Heritage Places are recorded and how many Aboriginal heritage surveys have been carried out over the area of the Perth Airport third runway redevelopment and rail link tunnel?
2. Are all these Aboriginal Sites, Other Heritage Places and Aboriginal Heritage surveys listed on the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System (AHIS)?
3. Are all the surveys publicly available?
4. If no to 3.) which ones are not publicly available, and why?
5. Is DAA aware of any further surveys carried out by the Westralia Airports Corporation that, contrary to Section 15 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 have not been provided to the DAA?

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1. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs does not hold definitive information regarding the precise development footprint for these projects. The figures provided below relate to Airport land in its entirety and for areas outside the Airport where the Department of Aboriginal Affairs has been provided with locations of proposed geotechnical investigations associated with the Rail Link tunnel. Based on current information available there are:
    - 20 Aboriginal Sites;
    - 39 other heritage places, 27 of which have been assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee as not or no longer meeting section 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. The remaining 12 other heritage places are yet to be assessed by the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee; and
    - 53 heritage surveys have been conducted.
  2. All heritage sites and locations reported to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs appear on the Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System. One heritage survey report is currently being processed by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and will soon appear on the Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System.
  3. Yes. However for 'closed' reports, for which there are two, permission from Aboriginal informants or the Registrar of Aboriginal Sites is required prior to these being made available.
  4. Not applicable.
  5. No.



Minister for Aboriginal Affairs