

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE
(Of which some notice has been given)**

Tuesday, 25 November 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

I refer to Question on Notice 1320 asked by the Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Legislative Council on Thursday, 19 June 2014 regarding Wallcliffe rock shelters, and ask:

1. Has the Department of Aboriginal Affairs investigated the matter further?
2. If yes to (1), what was the outcome of the investigation?
3. If no to (1), why not?
4. If no to (1), what is the timeframe for this investigation?

1 – 2. Yes. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs has undertaken a thorough investigation regarding this matter including a detailed inspection of the area. As part of the investigation, the Department spoke with a number of individuals regarding the matter, including Wardandi representatives, Traditional Owners, the caretaker for the property, representatives from the Department of Parks and Wildlife, the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River and the Western Australian Police.

The outcome of the investigation did not reveal any cultural objects applicable to section 5 of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and found no evidence to support any allegation of a breach under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

A report by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs regarding the site visit was presented to the Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee for information and noting only.

3. Not applicable.

4. Not applicable.



Minister for Aboriginal Affairs