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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 1****6 December 2024****Question No. 126****MS CLAY MLA** - To ask the Minister for Heritage:

- (1) What is the status of the Government's work to establish a First Nations Cultural Heritage Body.
- (2) What is the status of the Government's reforms to the ACT Heritage Register.

MINISTER STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) ACT Heritage is currently engaging with stakeholders to facilitate a considered approach to developing a model for an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body. This will necessarily need to aligning with whole of government direction for Traditional Custodian engagement.
- (2) On 10 July 2024, amendments to the *Heritage Act 2004* introduced significant new provisions to review nominations to the ACT Heritage Register. Following these amendments, ACT Heritage established a new Manager, Strategic Registrations Review role. The role is responsible for reviewing existing nominations to the Register. A coordinated series of recommendations on methodology, priorities and actions to implement the legislative amendments will be considered by the ACT Heritage Council in the first half of 2025.

The new position will manage the implementation of an action plan approved by the Heritage Council and also be responsible for developing and implementing a continuous system of monitoring and review of the ACT Heritage Register.



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