

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
Inquiry into the Operation of the
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)
Answers to questions on notice

Question Number 4
Division: Heritage Division
Section: Heritage Information Section
Topic: Heritage Nominations
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Senator Siewert asked:

- a) Of those heritage nominations made before commencement of the 2006 amendments to the EPBC Act, how many nominations failed to make priority in the last two years and have consequently dropped off the list of nominations?
- b) Of those heritage nominations, how many were made in respect of places that the Australian Heritage Council advised were unlikely to have national heritage value?

Answers:

- a) The 2006 amendments came into effect on 19 February 2007. Ninety places nominated for the National Heritage List prior to that date needed to be considered for the priority assessment list for 2007-08. Of these, 84 were excluded from both the 2007-08 and 2008-09 finalised priority assessment lists, and consequently became ineligible for inclusion in future priority assessment lists unless nominated again by a member of the public, nominated by the Australian Heritage Council or included in a list by the Minister.

Six places nominated for the Commonwealth Heritage List prior to 19 February 2007 needed to be considered for the priority assessment list for 2007-08. Of these, 4 were excluded from both the 2007-08 and 2008-09 finalised priority assessment lists, and consequently became ineligible for inclusion in future priority assessment lists unless nominated again by a member of the public, nominated by the Australian Heritage Council or included in a list by the Minister.

- b) The Australian Heritage Council advised that 52 of the 84 places not included in the National Heritage List finalised priority assessment lists were unlikely to have National Heritage Values.

Of the four Commonwealth Heritage List nominated places not included in the Commonwealth Heritage List finalised priority assessment lists, one was considered unlikely to have Commonwealth Heritage Values.