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Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information dated 07/12/2018 about repatriation of human remains. We have dealt with this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are as follows:

I am carrying out some research into the storage, retention and repatriation of non-European ethnological human remains held in UK regional museums or archives some of which are owned, managed or funded by UK local authorities. All of these questions relate to human remains that are under 1,000 years of age.

- 1. How many non-European human remains do you have in your collection or collections managed by organisations which you fund or control? If you do not have the exact number then please provide an approximation based on your normal method of counting.**
- 2. How many human remains do you have in your collection which originated in:
a. Canada, b. New Zealand, c. Australia**
- 3. How many requests for the repatriation of human remains have you had from communities, individuals or institutions outside of Europe since the Human Tissue Act 2004 came into force?**
- 4. Of these requests, how many were:
a. Approved in full, with all of the requested remains being returned to the communities/individuals in question.
b. Approved in part with some of the requested remains being returned.
c. Not approved.
d. Still awaiting a decision.**
- 5. For those requests which were not approved please provide a copy of the final decision letter setting out the reasons.**
- 6. How many human remains have you repatriated to their country of origin proactively without receiving a request?**

Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre holds historical materials relating to the London Borough of Camden area. These comprise library materials, archives and a very few artefacts. The collections include no human remains and we have therefore never had any requests for repatriation of any.

Further Information:

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Yours sincerely

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