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1	<b>Political</b>												
1.1	Failure to secure political approval for return of remains	- Consultation with UK museum specialists - Report to Cabinet drafted and agreed by Finance & Legal	A	1	4	4	To be agreed by Cabinet 16.9.08						
1.2	Positive impact of approval for return of remains for Indigenous Australians and others												
2	<b>Customer</b>												
2.1	Not all possible future requests for the return of	- Consultation with museum colleagues	A/U	1	5	5							

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	human remains may be put forward for approval, leading to disappointment/further action of possible claimants.	and source communities. - Act according to DCMS <i>Guidance</i> and RP&M <i>Policy</i> - Act according to precedent set by UK museums.											
2.2	Possible risk that the public may misunderstand the return and perceive wrongly that BHCC is disposing of collections more widely.	- Publish clear information on return on website. - Brief RP&M staff, BHCC colleagues and Members. - Being alert to, and promptly correcting, any	A	2	3	6							

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		misinformation or misleading references to the return - Take advice from other museums who have returned remains.											
<b>3</b>	<b>Fraud &amp; Corruption</b>												
<b>3.1</b>	Ensure requesting party are legitimate claimants	- Act according to DCMS <i>Guidance</i> and RP&M <i>Policy</i> - Request is from Australian Governmental body.	A	-	-	-							
<b>4</b>	<b>Professional/ Managerial</b>												
<b>4.1</b>	Staff time to liaise	- Can be	A	-	-	-							

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	with Australian High Commission Staff time to deal with enquiries from press/public and possible requests for return of other remains	accommodated within normal duties.											
4.2	Staff time to complete, produce and amend collections records	Can be accommodated within normal duties.	A	-	-	-							
5	<b>Economic/ Financial</b>												
5.1	Cost of packing and return of remains	Australian Government meeting all costs.	A	-	-	-							
6.	<b>Social</b>												
	See 1.1												

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	Positive impact of possible partnerships that may flow from other requests.												
7.	<b>Technical</b> n/a												
8	<b>Legislative</b>												
8.1	Ensure meeting legal requirements of <i>Acquisitions &amp; Disposal Policy</i> (RP&M 2005)	- Act in accordance with Policy, in consultation with Legal and following UK Government guidance.	A	-	-	-							
9	<b>Physical</b> n/a												
10	<b>Contractual /competitive</b> n/a												
11	<b>Environmental/sustainability</b>												
11.1	Risk of flood of	- Consultation	U	1	5	5							

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	requests for return of human remains and other sensitive material in the collections	with museum colleagues and source communities. - Act according to DCMS Guidance and RP&M Policy - Act according to precedent set by UK museums.											
12	<b>Equalities</b>												
	See EQIA: only positive impact												

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