

Division 6: Governor's Establishment, \$4 306 000 -

Mr A.D. McRae, Chairman.

Dr G.I. Gallop, Minister for Public Sector Management.

Mr K. Skipworth, Official Secretary.

Mrs C. Buckley, Deputy Official Secretary.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The significant issues and trends on page 122 of the *Budget Statements* refer to the conservation management plan to preserve Government House and associated heritage assets. Is there a time line for that management plan? What state are the buildings in?

Dr G.I. GALLOP: I ask Mr Skipworth to answer that.

Mr SKIPWORTH: The conservation management plan was commissioned in 1989 and work ensued from 1991 to 1993. Mainly construction type repairs were carried out on the house and the fabric, particularly the downpipe gutters and drainage and those sorts of areas. Over \$500 000 was allocated for those works over those two financial years. Since then, a considerable amount of work has been undertaken to refurbish the house and those works have been completed in the house. We have deferred some works that were proposed for upstairs in the house to the ballroom area, which members will see listed in the *Budget Statements*. Regarding timing, it is ongoing conservation. It is a massive document with ongoing conservation and management plans. Items will be looked at continually on a cyclical maintenance and capital works basis when and as required. The basic work for the house has been completed.

[8.10 pm]

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Concrete cancer is mentioned. Is that the major issue at this stage?

Mr SKIPWORTH: We have been going to address the concrete cancer for some years. We deferred the work to carry it out in conjunction with the ballroom project. The area in question is west of the house and east of the ballroom - it is between those two areas. Some old cellars under that area have been propped up for the last three or four years with stays. That concrete cancer project will be addressed with the refurbishment of the ballroom project that is described in these documents.

Mr M.W. TRENORDEN: Is the allocation through to 2003-04 enough to complete the ballroom program, do you think, including heating and keeping water out of the building?

Dr G.I. GALLOP: . I ask Mr Skipworth to give his expert advice on the question.

Mr SKIPWORTH: We have deferred money and reprioritised money from the upstairs of the house. The total amount of \$2.745 million will complete the ballroom project. We are getting close to finalising documentation and will be calling tenders shortly for the work, which will be completed during the next financial year. It will start in the next financial year and is a carryover of the current financial year's allocation, along with some moneys allocated prior to last year for the concrete cancer, but not utilised.

Mr M.W. TRENORDEN: I expect an invitation, Premier, to the first activity when the ballroom is finished! It will be a good thing for the State when the work is completed.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: We hope to tie it in with the one hundred and seventy-fifth celebrations.

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO: Does it have an airconditioning unit?

Mr SKIPWORTH: I wish we had one!

Mr C.J. BARNETT: The overall appropriation for the previous year is \$4.6 million, and \$4.3 million for the coming year. A sharp drop then occurs in the allocation to the Governor's establishment. I seek some explanation.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: Capital works.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: Meaning?

Dr G.I. GALLOP: No capital works are allocated beyond the ballroom project.

The appropriation was recommended.