

HERITAGE, NATIONAL TRUST BUDGET

1094. Mr Edwards to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage
- (1) In reference to the Significant Issues and Trends listed on page 753 of the 2001/02 Budget Estimates for the National Trust, only one of the identified seven issues and trends is new and the remainder are repeated from the previous year, with one exception of a date change, and I ask the Minister -
    - (a) does this indicate there are relatively few new significant issues and trends; and
    - (b) if not, will the Minister clarify the reasoning behind repeating the majority of the issues and trends?
  - (2) Given that the number of heritage places that were classified by the National Trust is an Output Measure that is reported to be 100 per annum, how are the actual, budget, estimated and target quantities audited to ensure the initial figures are actual and the target is realistic?
  - (3) How many places and objects were classified by the National Trust during the 2000/01 financial year?
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  - (5) Given that timeliness of new classifications by the National Trust on-line as an Output Measure has been achieved at a 100% rate, what does 'on-line' mean in the context of this Measure?
  - (6) How is the National Trust's increased role in Advocacy quantified?
  - (7) Given that the State Heritage Convention was planned to be held at a venue in August 2001, and that the Convention was cancelled in its advertised format, what was the detailed expenditure involved including staff and consultancy costs, venue fees, publication and other publicity costs?
  - (8) Given that the State Heritage Convention forum was altered to being a 'virtual' conference, I ask the Minister -
    - (a) was this change in format successful;
    - (b) if so, how was this success measured; and
    - (c) what evidence is available that supports this success?

Dr EDWARDS replied:

1. The nature of heritage conservation and identification is such that significant issues and trends are similar from year to year, not that they become fewer.
2. I am advised that the auditing process included verification of minutes, files, processes and volunteer contributions.
3. 52. Output refers to identified heritage places/objects. This may differ from the number actually recommended for classification. Classification is an ongoing process to agreed levels of documentation.
4. 48
5. Available for public access on National Trust web page.
6. Advocacy means providing/promoting awareness and understanding. The increased role is measured by requests for information; file access; minutes of Advocacy Committee; heritage alerts posted and articles in the press.
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Consultancy Costs -	\$33,789
Launch -	\$ 3,290
Venue Fees -	\$100
Publication Fees -	\$ 1,735
Publicity Costs -	Nil
8.
  - (a) Yes
  - (b) Stakeholder feedback and web site visits.
  - (c) As above

The change of format was successful in that it was delivered as a 'virtual' conference with all papers publicly available. The change in format would not have been successful if this had not been accomplished.