

HEATHCOTE SITE, REASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

1208. Mr Edwards to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

I refer to advice from the Minister for Housing and Works dated 17 October 2002 in which he advised that a cultural heritage assessment of the lower land at Heathcote was being undertaken and ask -

- (a) given that the entire site is already on the Interim Register of Heritage Places in recognition of its heritage significance to this State, has a reassessment of the site's heritage values been undertaken;
- (b) if so, who has undertaken that assessment and when was it completed;
- (c) if yes to (a), how have each of the criteria been addressed in determining the heritage significance of the site;
- (d) if no to (a), is a reassessment planned and if so, when is it expected to be completed;
- (e) has any reassessment of Heathcote's cultural heritage values been applied to only sections of the site, such as the lower land; and
- (f) if yes to (e), for what purpose has the site been divided in any reassessment of cultural heritage values?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

- (a) The Heathcote Hospital site was included on the Register on an interim basis on 25 June 1993. The registered curtilage includes the lower land. The heritage assessment for the site was derived from the Conservation Plan (Hocking Planning and Architecture Pty Ltd, 1994) however the Conservation Plan did not focus strongly on the lower land. The Heritage Council has previously advised the Department of Housing and Works that a heritage assessment of the lower land would be required prior to consideration of any options for its future use. The Heritage Council has not been advised that a heritage assessment for the lower land has yet been completed.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) The Heritage Council has requested that the Department of Housing and Works undertake a heritage assessment for the lower land prior to the Heritage Council's consideration of any options for its future use.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Not applicable.