

SOUTHERN RAIL LINK, ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE SURVEY

**586. Mr J.P.D. EDWARDS to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage:**

I refer to information provided by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on 25 February 2003 in which Parliament was advised that an architectural heritage survey had been carried out of buildings that are likely to be affected by the southern rail link.

- (1) When and by whom was the architectural heritage survey carried out, and will the results of the survey be tabled?
- (2) Which buildings and places of heritage value were included in the survey?
- (3) Given that architectural heritage is only one of a number of internationally recognised heritage values, how has the impact of the southern rail link on the overall heritage values of places likely to be affected been assessed?
- (4) What recommendations has the board of the Heritage Council made to the minister to ensure that the values of heritage places in the city of Perth are not diminished?

**Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(4) The question would have been better placed on notice if the member wanted specific answers. I understand that the study referred to by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure on 25 February was commissioned through the agency of a well-known heritage architect. I cannot remember the name of the architect, although if the member said the name, I would be able to confirm it was that person. That report examined the buildings along the proposed rail route and made comments about the heritage value of particular buildings. The report also made recommendations on the treatment of particular buildings.

The Heritage Council's involvement in the issue is as a member of a working party comprising a number of similar interested bodies that is examining the rail project and its ramifications on particular variables. If the member wants more information about the content of the report, a question should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. However, I have had good discussions with the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and the Heritage Council about the role the working party will play and the need to identify quickly which buildings could be impacted on and what the Government should do to get the best heritage outcome for a fantastic project in the State.