

PREMIUM PROPERTY TAX, HERITAGE-LISTED PROPERTIES

556. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the Minister Assisting the Treasurer:

- (1) In relation to the Labor Government's reintroduction of death duties through the new premium property tax, is the minister aware that the owners of heritage-listed properties will be disproportionately affected because the market value of their property could be much less than the statutory valuation?
- (2) If so, will the Gallop Government make adjustments to allow for this anomaly; and, if not, why not?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

I should point out to Hon Barry House, and to the House, that there has been no minister assisting the Treasurer since 1 July. On 1 July of this year, now some months ago, there was a change in portfolio allocation, and I would have thought that those opposite would have been aware of that before now. Perhaps I can advise the House what my portfolio allocation is and that may be of some assistance to members opposite in due course when they want to ask me questions.

I have been asked and I have accepted the invitation to be the Minister for Racing and Gaming, the Minister for Government Enterprises and the Minister for Goldfields-Esperance. If the member wishes to ask a question about matters to do with revenue, he should do so by asking me a question in my representative capacity, because I have that duty in this Chamber to deal with questions asked of the Treasurer, but the custom of this House is that the member should give some notice of a question and I invite him to do so.