

HERITAGE, REGIONAL HERITAGE ADVISERS AND HERITAGE LISTS WITHIN TOWN PLANNING
SCHEMES

1092. Mr Edwards to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

- (1) In reference to the Significant Issues and Trends listed on page 743 of the Budget Estimates for 2001/02, what funding source is available to Local Government for the introduction of positive incentive schemes in establishing heritage lists within town planning schemes?
- (2) Given that the identification and conservation of regional heritage places continues to present a significant challenge to this State, how much funding is allocated to the Regional Heritage Advisors programme in the 2001/02 financial year?
- (3) How many Regional Heritage Advisors are currently employed by the Heritage Council?
- (4) How many hours per month are allocated for the employment of each of the currently employed Regional Heritage Advisors?
- (5) How many hours per month will be allocated for the employment of Regional Heritage Advisors in the 2002/03 financial year?
- (6) What future funding will be available to the Regional Heritage Advisors programme over the next three years?

Dr EDWARDS replied:

- (1) There is no funding source available. The suggestion being made in the Issues and Trends chapter is that Local Government self-funding of such schemes is desirable. There are many examples of it happening in the Eastern States, although it is less common in WA.
- (2) The amount allocated in the Heritage Council's budget this year is \$180,000 representing an increase of \$85,000 over previous years.
- (3) Four Regional Heritage Advisors are employed by the Heritage Council of Western Australia servicing 4 regions and 2 services supporting individual local governments (Albany and Kalgoorlie-Boulder).
- (4) There are 16 hours per month allocated for each of the services, except for the Kalgoorlie-Boulder service which stands at 22 hours per month.
- (5) The number of hours that will be provided is dependent on the extent to which local governments are prepared to commit to the program from 2002. Discussions between the Heritage Council and a number of local governments are in the preliminary stage, and will be progressed over the next 2-3 months.
- (6) The future level of funding is likely to be similar to that budgeted in 2001/02.