

HERITAGE COUNCIL CHAIR, APPOINTMENT

593. Hon MARGARET ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Heritage:

- (1) When will the new chair of the Heritage Council be appointed?
- (2) What criteria have been used for the selection?
- (3) When will the nominees from the Western Australian Local Government Association, the National Trust of Australia and the community be appointed, noting that the minister received the nominations for two of these positions several months ago?

Hon KATE DOUST replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I advise -

- (1) The nomination of the new chair will be made to cabinet within the next few weeks.
- (2) The criteria used in the selection have been -
 - (a) the candidate is to have a commitment to safeguarding WA heritage;
 - (b) the candidate is to have a sound knowledge of management and governance issues; and
 - (c) the candidate is to have a commitment to openness, timeliness and accountability in decision making.
- (3) The nominations from the Western Australian Local Government Association have only just been received; that is, on 25 August 2005. Appointments to other positions will be made shortly.