

EDWARD MILLEN HOME

922. Mr Edwards to the Premier

In reference to the State heritage listed Edward Millen Home in East Victoria Park and the reported statements by the Executive Director of Landstart in *The West Australian* on Tuesday, 31 July 2001 -

- (a) has a Conservation Plan been prepared for the place;
- (b) does the Statement of Significance for Edward Millen Home identify the landscape as an important component of its heritage values;
- (c) what is the disposal process by which the Government intends to sell or dispose of the property;
- (d) what assurance will be given that the community will be consulted in decisions involving the future of the place; and
- (e) what steps will the Government take to ensure the heritage values of the place are conserved?

Dr GALLOP replied:

- (a) Yes
- (b) Yes
- (c)-(e) The property is surplus to the Department of Health's requirements. The Disability Services Commission occupies the Mildred Creak building and future uses for the site must take into account their ongoing needs if they are to be relocated. Any redevelopment will take into account the conservation plan prepared for the site and require approval of the Heritage Council. Heritage agreements will also need to be entered into between the Heritage Council and future owners of any portion of the site.

The Department of Housing and Works is currently assessing the feasibility of redeveloping parts of the site for housing in accordance with the conservation plan. The intention is to identify opportunities to generate sufficient funds from subdividing part of the site to offset the cost of heritage restoration of the Edward Millen Home, and other heritage elements of the site. A number of aged housing and community groups have registered interest in this site, and it is likely that the Edward Millen Home could be used for future community use.

It is expected that the Department of Housing and Works will shortly meet with the Town of Victoria Park to formally discuss its proposals as a precursor to initiating a public consultation process regarding future development of the site.