

HERITAGE, NATIONAL TRUST, BUDGET

1101. Mr Edwards to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage

In reference to the National Trust's Output Measures for Output 3 listed on page 758 of the Budget Estimates, I ask the Minister -

- (a) what evidence can be provided that the actual, budget, estimated and target figures for Visitors to Trust properties are accurate;
- (b) given that the quality for the Output Measure was listed as 'to be developed' in the previous and current years, when will this measure be developed; and
- (c) given that the timeliness for the Output Measure was listed as 'to be developed' in the previous and current years, when will this measure be developed?

Dr EDWARDS replied:

- a) Visitor numbers are verified by ticket sales. Official National Trust tickets are issued on a controlled basis by type (Family, Adult, Child, Concession, Member) and are numbered sequentially. Ticket sales by number sequence are reported weekly through property returns. Additional visitors for specific events are monitored through weekly returns by Property Manager/Warden. All visitor statistics are a matter of public record and were provided to the Office of the Auditor General as part of the compliance requirements for performance indicators.
- b) As soon as possible based on national program being coordinated through Australian Council of National Trusts estimated to be complete mid 2002.
- c) As above.