

Division 47: National Trust of Australia (WA), \$4 244 000 —

Ms M.M. Quirk, Chair.

Mr D.A. Templeman, Minister for Heritage.

Mr J. Donaldson, Chief Executive Officer.

Mr M. D’Souza, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr E. Sirna, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

Ms T. Widdicombe, Chief of Staff, Minister for Heritage.

[Witnesses introduced.]

The CHAIR: The estimates committees will be reported by Hansard and the daily proof will be available online as soon as possible within two business days. The chair will allow as many questions as possible. Questions and answers should be short and to the point. Consideration is restricted to items for which a vote of money is proposed in the consolidated account. Questions must relate to a page number, item or amount related to the current division, and members should preface their questions with those details. Some divisions are the responsibility of more than one minister. Ministers shall be examined only in relation to their portfolio responsibilities.

A minister may agree to provide supplementary information to the committee. I will ask the minister to clearly indicate what information they agree to provide and will then allocate a reference number. Supplementary information should be provided to the principal clerk by noon on Friday, 2 June 2023. If a minister suggests that a matter be put on notice, members should use the online questions on notice system to submit their questions.

I give the call to the member for Roe—a quick one.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I refer to page 769 and under completed works is line item “Collie Roundhouse Restoration”. It has \$999 000 estimated expenditure, then \$78 000 for 2022–23. Hon Alannah MacTiernan once spoke about this as a project to create a coffee house et cetera. Is the National Trust part of that restoration project complete? It is under completed works, but I understand there is still work to be done.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: There was an allocation to deliver a range of works on the Collie Roundhouse. The ultimate delivery of a tourist-related entity there is subject to negotiations with a commercial provider. I will ask the CEO to make further comment.

Mr J. Donaldson: The funds are all but expended and those funds, in the main, have been used for deconstraining the site and the conservation of the fabric of the roundhouse to the extent that we would make it safe after the deconstraining. The funds that remain will be used for the development of a master plan for the site, which will then express the proponent’s concept so it can move to a more granular quotation phase for the next development stage.

Mr R.S. LOVE: I turn to page 770. In 2022–23, under income of other revenue, there is a cost of \$4.4 million. Could the minister explain why that is \$2 million more than what was received?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am happy to ask the CFO to respond.

Mr M. D’Souza: In 2019, there were changes to accounting standards AASB 15 and AASB 1058. The National Trust receives money through appeals and foundations in that period, especially when we have foundations as well—that was previously treated as income and expenditure in our income statement. With the changes in the Australian Accounting Standards Board standards, it is no longer shown as an income and an expenditure; we show the appeals balance as a liability in a balance sheet. That is the reason that when we prepared the budget, we took the total figure of appeals and foundation as income. The total net effect of the foundations and appeals income is \$1 650 000, which has now been adjusted through the budget process in the estimated actuals for this financial year and in all the forward estimates going forward from next financial year.

The appropriation was recommended.