

**Division 46: Heritage Council of Western Australia, \$1 540 000 —**

Ms M.M. Quirk, Chair.

Mr D.A. Templeman, Minister for Heritage.

Mr A. Kannis, Director General.

Mr V. Davies, Assistant Director General, Heritage and Property Services.

Mr M. Hanrahan, Chief Financial 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 these details. Some divisions are the responsibility of more than one minister. Ministers shall only be examined 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.

Are there any questions about the Heritage Council of Western Australia? I call the Leader of the Opposition.

[9.50 pm]

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** I refer to page 761 and the heading “Heritage Grants Program” under significant issues impacting the agency. Could the minister please tell me how many heritage grants were provided last year? Is that number fairly constant or have there been lumps along the way?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Last year and each year, we announce the program and then, later of course, those that are successful. In 2023–23, the program received 45 applications, and, of those, 25 state heritage grants and 13 community heritage grants were deemed eligible, which makes 38 in total. A total of \$1.1 million was awarded. They vary in amounts and, from memory, the most is up to \$100 000. They vary and support restoration works, heritage works or conservation works for a variety of applicants.

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** I refer to page 763 and the heading “Cultural Heritage Conservation Services”. Can I just clarify that under the Heritage Council there is no role in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage? Are the services provided under this section the purview of the department, and do they include Aboriginal heritage management? Is there overlap? Is there a role anywhere for the Heritage Council in Aboriginal cultural heritage?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** No.

**The CHAIR:** No. That is enough, minister; we have to move on.

**The appropriation was recommended.**