

CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

917. Ms WARNOCK to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

- (1) What type of Citizenship educational material for school children, both at primary and secondary levels, has been developed under the auspices of the Minister's Citizenship Advisory Council?
- (2) Has any liaison taken place between the Citizenship Advisory Council and other bodies undertaking Citizenship Education for children such as -
 - (a) the West Australian Education Department;
 - (b) the West Australian Constitutional Museum and Centre;
 - (c) the West Australian Curriculum Council;
 - (d) the One World Centre;
 - (e) the Cyril Burt Law Education Centre; and
 - (f) multicultural community organisations?
- (3) What form has this liaison, if any, taken?
- (4) What educational materials for school children relating to the Centenary of Federation Celebrations been developed under the auspices of the Minister's Citizenship Advisory Council?

Mr JOHNSON replied:

- (1) Council is aware that materials on citizenship for children are developed as part of a Federal civics and education project. This programme is called 'Discovering Democracy' and will allocate \$13.4 million from November 2000 to June 2004.
- (2) (a)-(e) Discussions and consultations have taken place and have included all bodies listed. NB With regard to point (e) it is assumed the Member is referring to the Francis Burt Law Education Centre.
(f) The Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia has conducted community workshops on citizenship which included the views of young people.
- (3) Consultations, workshops, professional development events on civics and citizenship and exchange of citizenship information materials.
- (4) All primary school children in WA will receive a gift of a Federation Medallion and specially developed educational resource materials, which will help teachers to raise students' awareness of Australian history.