

BAUDIN EXPEDITION, CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

675. Ms WARNOCK to the Treasurer:

- (1) What financial commitment has the Government made to the year 2001 by Centennial Celebration of the Baudin Expedition?
- (2) Is there any Opposition representation on the organising committee for this important event?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) What events have been organised to celebrate this historic occasion?

Mr COURT replied:

- (1) The Western Australian State Government has provided \$50,000 to the Terra Australis 2001 Committee through the University of Western Australia to help with the administration of the planned celebrations for the Baudin Bicentenary. A further \$20,000 has been allocated from the State Centenary of Federation Committee for a monuments project in Fremantle and other regional areas. An amount of \$13,000 has also been allocated to the Margaret River Arts Council from Federal Government Funding through the Australia Council for the development of a 'drama work' to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the Baudin Expedition.
- (2) The 'Terra Australis 2001 Committee' is not a Government committee and has recently become an incorporated body. The Hon Barry House MLC who chairs the newly incorporated Committee was invited to do so by the University of Western Australia. The Hon Barry House had been involved with the planning of the celebrations because of his involvement in the Margaret River area and as a representative of that community. While it is not a State Government Committee, the Hon Barry House has issued a personal invitation to Opposition Member Ms Diana Warnock MLA to attend any of the meetings.
- (3) See answer to Part (2)
- (4) Some of the proposed events for the Baudin Bicentenary celebrations for Western Australia in 2001 include:
  - (a) A re-enactment voyage by the 'STS Leeuwin' and a French vessel.
  - (b) A visit to Perth by a vessel of the French Navy
  - (c) The erection of monuments in Fremantle and other regional areas.
  - (d) The distribution of an Educational Kit throughout State Government schools.
  - (e) A major International Touring Exhibition to be co-ordinated by the Western Australian Museum.
  - (f) A 'Grand Spectacle' about the Baudin Expedition to be mounted by the renowned Claude Moreau
  - (g) A 'Margaret River French Connections Festival'
  - (h) A yacht race involving 534's to be co-ordinated by John Longley
  - (i) An Exhibition of Charts, Manuscripts, Prints and Paintings in the Sir Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery.
  - (j) A Music Concert with pianist/conductor Jean-Bernard Pommier in conjunction with the W A Symphony Orchestra
  - (k) Three symposia on History, Natural History and Medicine.