

HERITAGE — ARTHUR HEAD PRECINCT

204. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) Has the City of Fremantle sought assistance from the state government to address the deterioration of heritage structures in the Arthur Head precinct; and, if so, what was the nature of that request and the government's response?
- (2) What initiatives, if any, has the minister taken to protect these heritage structures and ensure they are maintained in the future?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes. Officials from the City of Fremantle and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage have met to discuss an appropriate way forward for managing the deteriorating cliff face. Discussions included short-term stabilisation of the cliff face to ensure public safety risks are addressed and the development of a long-term conservation strategy. The department will continue to offer its advice and support to the city as both these plans are developed, finalised and executed.
- (2) The Round House and Arthur Head Reserve is on the state Register of Heritage Places and afforded the protection of the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990. Accordingly, any works proposals must be referred to the Heritage Council of Western Australia for advice to ensure the identified cultural heritage values of the place are maintained. The City of Fremantle is responsible for maintenance of the Arthur Head precinct under a management order from the state.