

Division 46: Heritage Council of Western Australia —

Ms M. Quirk, Chair.

Mr D.A. Templeman, Minister for Heritage.

Mr A. Kannis, Director General.

Mr V. Davies, Assistant Director General.

Ms S. Cardenia, Assistant Director General.

[Witnesses introduced.]

The CHAIR: Are there any questions?

Ms M. BEARD: I refer to paragraph 1 of the significant issues impacting the agency on page 763 of the *Budget statements*, which mentions the grants program for conservation and interpretation projects. How much is the Heritage Council grants program each year?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: It is \$1.2 million.

Ms M. BEARD: How many grants were provided this year? Can the minister provide a list of recipients?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: We had a total of 28 projects and they varied from regional areas to important sites on Wadjemup, for example.

Ms M. BEARD: I refer to the percentage of additional private investment generated from grant-assisted conservation projects towards the end of page 764. The figure falls from 260 per cent to 225 per cent. Can the minister explain the changes to those ratios?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I will ask the director general, bearing in mind we also have to pass the National Trust.

Mr A. Kannis: The actual for 2022–23 was 219 per cent and the budget for 2023–24 was 250 per cent. We are aiming to achieve an estimated actual of 260 per cent this year. The baseline is around 225 per cent, so it is an increase from the current actual. We have been aspirational in our target.

The appropriation was recommended.

[10.00 pm]