Question No: 281

Question : Recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Committee

Question Date :18/05/93Member :Mr BAILEYTo :MINISTER for CONSERVATION

- 1. Since its establishment, have any of the recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Committee been rejected or not acted upon; if so, what were these recommendations.
- 2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, what are the reasons for the rejections, or failure to act upon the recommendations, and on what advice was this action taken.

ANSWER

The Heritage Advisory Council recommended an interim conservation order under s.28 of the Heritage Conservation Act in respect of a house at 6 Morinda Street, Larrakeyah.

The then Minister for Conservation declined to make such an order as -

- . at least 15 houses of this design were constructed in Darwin and at least 6, other than the Morinda Street residence, remain in central Darwin;
- . the modification of the house in the past;
- . the house being located in a Residential 4 zone of the town plan with extensive redevelopment of 2- to 4-storey apartment buildings in the surrounding area (building up to 8 storeys is permitted) so that almost no contextual heritage value remains; and
- . information provided by the owner that the property was purchased in good faith and in the belief that no heritage impediments to redevelopment were in place after having taken some trouble to seek advice on that possibility.