

TOURISM — *THE PROJECT*

253. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Tourism:

I refer to the minister's refusal to answer to my question yesterday about funding provided to producers of *The Project*.

- (1) How much state government funding was provided to *The Project*?
- (2) What is the expected return on investment for that funding?
- (3) Was the decision to enter into this contract unanimously supported by Tourism WA?
- (4) Did the minister approve the agreement; and, if not, when was the minister advised about it?
- (5) Will the minister table the agreement; and, if not, why not?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Tourism.

- (1)–(5) Tourism Western Australia has advised there is insufficient time to assess the media partnership arrangements against its internal policy and guidelines for the release of information that is commercial in nature. Therefore, the Minister for Tourism asks the honourable member to place this aspect of the question on notice.