



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS**

**2018-19 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS - QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING**

**Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries**

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**The Committee asked:**

- 1) What are some of the implications for your agency from the Commonwealth Budget released on 8 May 2018?

Answer:

Culture and the Arts - Nil

Local Government - The federal government will continue to provide grants to local government.

The Local Government Grants Commission will continue to provide recommendations to the State Government Minister for Local Government on what proportion of the funds should be allocated to local governments.

Sport and Recreation - DLGSC will be the recipient of a Service Delivery Grant from the Commonwealth for Indian Ocean Territories for 2018/19.

Racing, Gaming and Liquor - Nil

Office of Multicultural Interests - Nil

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**Hon Tim Clifford MLC asked:**

1) Referring page 447 of Budget Paper 2, Volume 2, Virtual Reality Festival, \$100,000 has been committed annually up to and including 2020-2021;

a) Will the management of this Festival be directly and entirely managed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries?

Answer: The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries will consult with industry stakeholders and delivery partners including Screenwest, the university sector, independent VR operators; WA film festivals Cinefest Oz, Perth Revelation International Film Festival and large-scale events such as Supernova comic-con to determine how best to deliver a new Virtual Reality Festival.

b) If not, what elements of the program will be outsourced?

Answer: (See a)

c) Referring to footnote (a) which notes that agency spending has been reprioritised; from which programs has the spending been reallocated?

Answer: Spending will be reallocated from competitive arts grants programs.

d) Please describe the election commitment that this funding responds to?

Answer: WA Labor's Creative WA 'Supporting the Arts & Creative Industries cited a commitment to 'Introduce an annual festival to attract film-makers using new technologies such as virtual reality.'

2) I refer to page 447, Budget Paper 2, Volume 2 and reference dot point under 'Significant Issues Impacting the Agency' which outlines savings achieved through the omission of the basement from the New Museum Project:

a) Has the \$32.4 million savings has been reallocated into other cultural industries programs?

Answer: No.

b) If no to (a) please list the programs and industries to which this funding has been reallocated, and if yes to (a) please describe the programs which have been funded as a result of this reallocation?

Answer: The \$32.5m saving to the Capital budget has been actioned through a reduction of the Capital appropriation for the New Museum Project.

