

STATE RECORDS COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT — STATE ARCHIVES

2782. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the State Records Commission Annual Report 2016–2017 which states ‘A small number of transfers of State archives were completed in 2016–17... A further 17 consignments of State archives are ready and awaiting transfer whilst 47 more consignments have been identified and requested from the State Library. These proposed transfers are yet to be finalized and the State Records Office (SRO) is closely monitoring progress. The Commission notes that a consistent momentum of transfer is yet to be achieved’ and ask:

- (a) why has a consistent momentum of transfer not yet been achieved;
- (b) why hasn’t the move of the SRO into a directorate of the State Library of Western Australia not facilitated a closer working relationship; and
- (c) how many transfers were made from the State Library of Western Australia to the SRO for each of the past 5 financial years?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) The time required for the State Library of Western Australia (SLWA) to identify, investigate and confirm transfer of material that is under the control of the Library Board of Western Australia is significant due to the resource intensive nature of the work required by the SLWA to act upon a request to transfer material to the State Records Office (SRO).
- (b) The SLWA and the SRO will continue to work on transfers.
- (c) 2017–18 – Nil.
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2015–16 – Nil.
2014–15 – Nil.
2013–14 – Nil.