

SCREENWEST CEO — SEPH MCKENNA — DEPARTURE

956. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I have a supplementary question.

The SPEAKER: Yes, when everyone is quiet.

Mr R.S. LOVE: I believe that it is the minister's birthday, so congratulations and happy birthday.

Given that Screenwest is supported by the state government, can the minister guarantee that no taxpayer money was used for any exit payment for Mr McKenna?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Thank you for the birthday wishes; I appreciate that. It is very kind of you.

The SPEAKER: Minister, to the point.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: As I have highlighted, it is an independent board. The government, of course, assists with funding the screen industry in a range of ways, including through Lotterywest. There is a recognition that that entity needs to have a sense of independence because it comprises experts who make decisions about the films that are made and the documentaries that are supported. I have great faith in the board of Screenwest.

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am sure that it will make a very appropriate decision about the chief executive officer of that organisation.