

STATE RECORDS COMMISSION — ANNUAL REPORT 2017–18

4331. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the Preservation Needs Assessment in the State Records Commission 2017–18 Annual Report, and ask:

- (a) how many items in the State Archives Collection were considered to be in:
  - (i) good condition;
  - (ii) fair condition;
  - (iii) poor condition; and
  - (iv) unacceptable condition;
- (b) how many items in the Collection rated as being in poor or unacceptable condition were reel-to-reel tapes, magnetic tapes, standard cassette tapes or mini cartridges;
- (c) were any of the recording media associated with Royal Commissions:
  - (i) if yes, which Royal Commissions; and
  - (ii) please list the Royal Commission recording media that was listed as being either poor or unacceptable condition; and
- (d) will the State Records Office be provided with more funding for the adequate storage of the items in poor or unacceptable condition:
  - (i) if yes, how much funding and when will it be supplied; and
  - (ii) how much storage is needed?

**Mr D.A. Templeman replied:**

- (a) Based on the 2.5 per cent sampling of the collection:
  - (i) 47.44 per cent or approximately 559 074 items
  - (ii) 38.75 per cent or approximately 456 065 items
  - (iii) 12.06 per cent or approximately 141 939 items
  - (iv) 1.75 per cent or approximately 20 596 items
- (b) 94 audio tapes in poor or unacceptable condition were identified as part of the sampling of 2.5 per cent of the Collection.
- (c) Yes.
  - (i) Royal Commission into Prostitution (1976) and Royal Commission: Inquiry into Aboriginal people in Laverton Area (1976).
  - (ii) Royal Commission into Prostitution (1976) – 42 audio tapes; and Royal Commission: Inquiry into Aboriginal people in Laverton Area (1976) – 52 audio tapes.
- (d) The State Records Office (SRO) operates within its budget allocation. SRO is currently undertaking a small-scale re-boxing program to rehouse items in poor or unacceptable condition.
  - (i) Not applicable.
  - (ii) Variable, depending on the scale and risk assessment of the program.