

LANDGATE — HISTORICAL RECORDS

3088. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

- (1) Are historical records held by Landgate State Archives pursuant to the *State Records Act 2000* (“Act”) and if not, why not?
- (2) Given that the spirit of the Act is to provide free public access to State archives, why does Landgate charge for access to historical records?
- (3) Will you commit to a review of these fees, with a view to remove the costs associated with inspecting historical records?
- (4) Will ensure that all digitised records of Landgate which are considered “State Archives” to be made available to search for free in the State Records Office search room?
- (5) Will you guarantee that prior to any sale of Landgate, that all historical records and state archives will be appropriately transferred to the State Records Office and if not, why not?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (1) The *State Records Act 2000*, requires all records created, received and held by Landgate in the course of business are Government records which must be managed through a Recordkeeping Plan prepared by Landgate and approved by the State Records Commission. The Landgate Recordkeeping Plan identifies those records of historic, cultural or evidential value which must be kept permanently as State Archives and transferred once they are 25 years old to the State Archives Collection.
- (2)–(4) Not applicable to the State Records Office.
- (5) All Landgate records must be managed in accordance with a Recordkeeping Plan and the requirements of the *State Records Act 2000*. Any sale of Landgate must address the management of Landgate records, including the requirement to transfer State Archives to the State Archives Collection.