

STATE LIBRARY — STOCK

4235. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the State Library of WA 2017–18 Annual Report which stated total stock has fallen from 2,808,556 items in 2016–17 to 2,672,002 in 2017–18, and ask:

- (a) what was the value of the reduction in stock items;
- (b) what happened to the cut stock;
- (c) will the cut stock be replaced in future years;
- (d) how many items amongst the cut stock are irreplaceable; and
- (e) what is the total value of stock on hand?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

- (a) This information is reported in the State Library Annual Report.
- (b) Discarded public library stock is disposed of by an Australian Disability Enterprise as per the State Supply Commission's Open and Effective Competition policy.
- (c) New public library stock is purchased each year. The State Government is providing \$8.524 million capital funding for the purchase of physical public library collections materials in 2018–19 such as print books and audiobooks on compact discs and \$1.03 million recurrent funding for the licencing of online resources such as e-books and e-audiobooks.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) This information is reported in the State Library Annual Report.