

CULTURE AND THE ARTS — WA MUSEUM SAVINGS

4223. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the Minister's statement to Assembly Estimates Committee B on 22 May 2018 that \$6.5 million from the \$32.4 million in cuts to the construction of the new WA museum had been reallocated to upgrades at His Majesty's Theatre, and ask:

- (a) did the \$6.5 million allocated to the His Majesty's Theatre upgrade come from the cuts to the new WA Museum project budget:
  - (i) (i) if not, where did the \$6.5 million in funding for the His Majesty Theatre upgrades come from;
  - (ii) (ii) has the \$32.4 million in new WA Museum savings been reallocated to any other projects and, if yes, please list them and the designated funds; and
  - (iii) (iii) if yes, why did the Minister state in the Assembly on 15 August 018 that the allocation of funds to His Majesty's Theatre upgrade were a further \$6.5 million that was provided to the Cultural and Arts portfolio in 2018–19?

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

- (a) Savings were realised from the decision to omit the basement, to address construction, program and contamination risks, from the new Museum. The Minister requested capital funds for His Majesty's Theatre (HMT) upgrades. The funding request for HMT was accepted
  - (i) As above.
  - (ii) No.
  - (iii) Not applicable.