

STATE RECORDS COMMISSION — ANNUAL REPORT 2017–18

4330. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to page 16 of the State Records Commission 2017–18 Annual Report, which states the State Records Office is unable to conduct a routine conservation program to support the ongoing work of fragile items, and ask:

- (a) will the Minister find funds to renew the conservation program;
- (b) how much funding is required to reinstate the program;
- (c) has the State Records Commission (SRC) contacted the Minister, Ministerial staff or any others in the department to express concerns over the lack of conservation work:
  - (i) if yes, to whom and when;
  - (ii) will the Minister table the correspondence sent by the SRC over the shortfall in conservation resources; and
  - (iii) what was the response of the Minister, Ministerial staff and others in the department who addressed the SRC concerns; and
- (d) in linear kilometres how much information is at risk of permanent loss because of the lack of a conservation program?

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

- (a) The State Records Office (SRO) operates within its budget allocation and a routine conservation program is not possible within the current allocation.
- (b) Variable, depending on the scale and risk assessment of the program. In 2011–12 when a conservation program was last run, annual costs for SRO's preservation services were \$185 886.
- (c) No.
  - (i)–(iii) Not applicable.
- (d) 2.0715 linear kilometres of State Archives held in the State Archives Collection. Linear Kilometres of State Archives held in agencies awaiting transfer to the SRO is unknown.