

STATE RECORDS OFFICE — MACHINERY-OF-GOVERNMENT CHANGES

3487. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the machinery of government changes to the State Records Office (SRO), and ask:

- (a) what financial savings have been made as a result of this change; and
- (b) have these savings been reinvested into the SRO, if not, why not?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

(a)–(b) The administrative change, which sees the State Archivist and Executive Director State Records reporting to the CEO of the State Library of Western Australia (SLWA) instead of the Director General of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, was not intended to deliver savings.

The change of administrative placement provides greater support for the SRO's business objectives which are more closely aligned with that of the SLWA than the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The SRO and the SLWA both hold collections of the State's documentary heritage and employ staff with complimentary skill sets. The SRO and the SLWA are both located in the Alexander Library Building at the Perth Cultural Centre. The SLWA provides services such as storage management, conservation and preservation to the SRO.

The change provides opportunities to enhance services to the community.