

CULTURE AND THE ARTS — HIS MAJESTY’S THEATRE — UPGRADES

3958. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the State Budget and the funding for a \$6.5 million upgrade to His Majesty’s Theatre orchestra pit and front of house facilities, and ask:

- (a) Have the upgrade works commenced:
  - (i) How many separate projects make up the upgrade works;
  - (ii) Please list the individual works; and
  - (iii) What is the value of each work;
- (b) When will the works finish;
- (c) Will the works finish on time; and
- (d) How much of the \$6.5 million in funding has already been distributed?

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

- (a) Design and documentation of the works has commenced.
  - (i) The project is comprised of the Orchestra Pit Upgrade and the Front of House works.
  - (ii) In summary, the scope of work includes:
    - Orchestra pit
    - Demolition works
    - Enhancement of existing structure to meet requirements
    - New air handling system and upgrade of HVAC
    - Associated electrical works
    - Replacement of lower auditorium Juliette balconies
    - Installation of orchestra pit lift/platform and platform floor finish and supporting structure
    - Installation of safety systems
    - Installation of acoustic treatments to orchestra pit
    - Alterations to fire system as required
    - Front of house
    - Demolition works
    - Upgrades to Downstairs at the Maj at Basement Level, Barre Café and Box Office at Ground Level and Dress Circle Bar on Level One; enhanced functionality and improved patron circulation up and through the building, reducing congestion and overspill onto Hay Street.
    - New signage
    - Improved universal access
    - Associated mechanical, electrical and hydraulic services alterations and upgrades
    - Alterations to fire system as required
  - (iii) The estimated cost of the upgrade of the Orchestra Pit Upgrade is \$2.9million including professional fees, application fees and contingencies and excluding GST. The scope and cost of the Front of House works will be tailored to equal the remaining \$3.6 million in funding.
- (b) The works are required to be carried out in two phases during the December 2018 – January 2019 and December 2019 – January 2020 shutdown periods to minimise impact on the ongoing function of the venue and loss of revenue. The works will be completed by February 2020.
- (c) It is anticipated that the works will be completed by February 2020.
- (d) To date \$24,098 excluding GST has been expended and a further \$1.3 million in professional fees has been committed.