

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM — PROJECT

66. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's commitment to supporting Western Australia's creative industries and creating jobs across the sector. Can the minister update the house on the new museum project and how this is delivering on the government's commitment to supporting jobs?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

I would be very pleased to do that. I thank the member for Thornlie for his question. It is great to have that question. We were mentioning the presence of former members here in the galleries. Today we have the former member for Eyre, Dr Jacobs, and the former member for Riverton, Mr Tony McRae, in the Speaker's gallery. We welcome them back here.

It is a great story. The new museum for Western Australia is a very important project. This will be a world-class facility, a world-class storyteller for the rest of the world—the Western Australian story. It will make sure that people understand the wonderful Western Australian stories through a range of areas.

Mr J.E. McGrath: A great little project.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am glad the member for South Perth interjected because I am not sure whether we will have a gallery for relics and odd artefacts. We might need one for economic vandals because we know what would be on display there. All Liberal and National Party members would be in the economic vandals display, stuck in there behind a glass case!

The SPEAKER: Minister, you will face the Chair and no singing, please.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The economic vandals would be stuck behind a glass case. We know what would happen if we let the public in there to see them; they would want to throw stones and other things at them because of what they have done to the economy.

This project will be very important and one that I am sure Western Australians will be very proud of. Dozens of workers have already completed a range of formworks, pile driving et cetera for the formworks of the museum. Significant work has already been done on the heritage elements of the new museum project, where we have the jubilee and the other components, including the old jail. All those heritage works are well and truly underway. We also know that over 3 000 workers will be employed in a project that will include over 80 per cent local content, making sure that Western Australian workers deliver this project. Those workers will be very proud of the contribution that they will make when this museum opens in 2020. I also highlight to the house that under the government's commitment to making sure that this project is inclusive, key aspects related to Indigenous training opportunities have been included. We should be very proud of this project. When the Premier opens it in 2020, it will showcase our wonderful history to the rest of the world and it will also ensure that Western Australian stories are told.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: We would love to put the Leader of the Opposition next to the woolly mammoth and the other stuffed animals, but we do not need his interjection—we already know that he is past it! The Bobbsey twins in the front are already jumping over themselves to try to get in that chair. We know that the chattering classes continue to be heard in the Liberal Party. We are proud of the project. Western Australians will be proud of the project and it will be delivered on time and within a very, very important budget.