

LOCAL GOVERNMENT — REGIONAL FESTIVALS

5267. Mr D.T. Redman to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

Given the success of regional festivals in adding vibrancy to towns and attracting tourists to regional communities, I ask:

- (a) What funding commitments can you give to ensure the longevity of events such as Denmark's Festival of Voice, Margaret River's CinefestOZ Film Festival, Bridgetown Blues, Nannup Music Festival and Manjimup's Truffle Kerfuffle;
- (b) What funding streams will be available to support regional communities in hosting medium to large scale events; and
- (c) Do you intend to support the expansion of regional cultural activities and events:
  - (i) if so, what plans can you share with regional arts groups; and
  - (ii) if not, how do you expect regional and remote communities to host events, given they already rely on a high level of volunteerism and local donations?

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

- (a)–(b) The recently announced \$19.88 million Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program includes \$1.28 million for a Regional and Remote Festivals Fund (RRFF). The RRFF will be open for applications later this year.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries also has available competitive grants programs for festivals to apply to. The Arts U-15k and Arts 15K-plus grants programs offer up to \$60,000 to deliver a one-off project or a program of activity.

- (c) Yes.
  - (i) Offering the above grants for applications to deliver projects, festivals or activities in the regions.
  - (ii) Not applicable.