

ART GALLERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA — ROOFTOP BAR

4002. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the \$10 million State Government funding for a rooftop bar atop the Art Gallery of WA, and ask:

- (a) was a report prepared on the financial viability of the roof-top bar:
  - (i) if yes, when;
  - (ii) by whom;
  - (iii) did the report consider the recent closure of the ArtHouse Dine café with the gallery; and
  - (iv) please supply a copy of the report;
- (b) were there any losses incurred by the Art Gallery of WA due to the closer of the ArtHouse Dine café:
  - (i) what was the value of the losses; and
  - (ii) what contributed to the losses; and
- (c) will the Minister's department have any role in the management of the roof-top bar?

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

The McGowan Government made an Election commitment to develop the Art Gallery of WA rooftop as a regular cultural and commercial venue. AGWA received \$7.5 million for the redevelopment and \$2.5 million for the TomorrowFund to acquire contemporary art. The development proposal is dual purpose (cultural and commercial) and no decision has been made on what commercial functions may be included.

- (a) Not applicable. A detailed brief for the commercial elements is to be developed with the scale determined by a market analysis, as part of the business case for the development.
  - (i)–(iv) Not applicable.
- (b) No, the closure of the café, Frank, in May 2018, was by agreed termination of the lease.
  - (i)–(ii) Not applicable.
- (c) No.