

ART GALLERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA — WA GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD

3081. Mr A. Krsticevic to the Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the unauthorised use of a WA Government Purchasing Card amounting to \$7,116.80, as reported in the 2016–17 Annual Report of the Art Gallery of WA, and ask:

- (a) what was the value of each transaction which amounted to the \$7,116.80 total;
- (b) were all transactions undertaken by the same employee:
 - (i) if no to (b), how many different employees undertook the unauthorised transactions;
- (c) what were the position title/s of the employee/s;
- (d) is/are the employee/s who made the unauthorised transactions still working at the Art Gallery of WA;
- (e) what personal items were purchased; and
- (f) why was no referral made for disciplinary action?

Mr D.A. Templeman replied:

There is an error in the 2016–17 Annual Report on “Unauthorised use of a WA Government Purchasing Card”. The amount should be \$419.83 instead of \$7,116.80 and the number of occasions should be six, instead of two.

The error was found when compiling the information to respond to this Parliamentary Question. The Art Gallery is now in the process of correcting the annual report information, and is currently in the process of writing to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the President of the Legislative Council to advise that there was an error in the report. The Art Gallery will prepare the amendment/erratum slip for the Minister to table in Parliament.

- (a) The value of each transaction amounting to \$419.83.
 - \$84.45
 - \$29.05
 - \$207.42
 - \$27.27
 - \$39.82
 - \$31.82
- (b) No.
 - (i) 3 employees.
- (c) Administrative Assistant, Senior Objects Conservator, Assistant Registrar.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) Groceries and personal items.
- (f) Management has investigated and noted that all the transactions were accidental and repaid in a timely manner.