

MARKET HALL — YAGAN SQUARE

575. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the recent failure of Market Hall at Yagan Square.

- (1) When did DevelopmentWA first become aware that tenants at Market Hall were at risk?
- (2) Was any commercial support given to tenants to ensure that Market Hall continued operation?
- (3) How much of the 2017–18 activation budget under the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority was earmarked for Yagan Square and adjoining MRA Northbridge developments?
- (4) How much of the 2020–21 activation budget under DevelopmentWA was earmarked for Yagan Square and adjoining developments?
- (5) When will the commercial spaces at Yagan Square be fully tenanted?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Lands.

- (1) DevelopmentWA has worked with operators since the outset of the project to mitigate risks to tenancies. Performance of Market Hall has been challenged by a lack of through traffic and surrounding development.
- (2) Commercial support has been provided through waiving of rents and rental arrears in appropriate circumstances, including due to the impacts of COVID-19, as well as promotional support to businesses through the onsite digital tower.
- (3)–(4) Additional time is required to confirm the amount spent on activation from the project budget. The answer to this question will be provided as soon as possible.
- (5) DevelopmentWA is in the process of reconfiguring Market Hall and will be seeking proposals for the internal space through an expression of interest that will commence shortly.