

DEFENCE SCIENCE CENTRE — 2019–20 STATE BUDGET

**383. Mr W.R. MARMION to the Minister for Defence Issues:**

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister confirm whether the funding he has just outlined—the \$1 million—is coming from the existing budget or from the roughly \$3 million allocated in the 2020–21 forward estimates?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

The funding for the Defence Science Centre is within the Defence West budget. It will be accommodated from within the global budget of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. There will also be a contribution from the federal government to fund the director of research and development. I am not sure what the exact title of that position will be, but the research director will be funded by the federal government. It will also contribute to the research and development grant scheme that will come into force. We will be calling for nominations for grants from the start of the new financial year.

**The SPEAKER:** That is the end of question time.