

STATE RECORDS OFFICE — DOCUMENTS PENDING TRANSFER

184. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts:

I refer to the *State Records Commission Annual Report 2015–2016*, which states that there are approximately six million documents held in government agencies waiting transfer to the State Records Office, and I ask:

- (a) where are these documents currently located;
- (b) how many of these documents are held at offsite commercial storage providers;
- (c) what is the annual cost of storing the documents held at offsite commercial storage providers;
- (d) has the Government developed a strategy to transfer these documents to the State Records Office;
- (e) if no to (d), why not;
- (f) if yes to (d), would the Minister please provide a copy of this strategy;
- (g) who was consulted in the development of the strategy; and
- (h) how much will it cost to transfer these documents to the State Records Office?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

State Records Office

- (a) All Government agencies and local governments are required to store documents awaiting transfer to the State Records Office (SRO) in accordance with Section 32(4) of the *State Records Act 2000*.
- (b) Unknown. This is a matter for the Government agencies and local governments.
- (c) See (b).
- (d) The Minister for Culture and the Arts has endorsed the development of a State Records Conservation and Archive Strategy; and the development of a Business Case for a solution for the State's hard copy and digital archival material, as part of the Strategy.
- (e)–(g) The Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries is developing the Strategy and will consult all key stakeholders.
- (h) Subject to the strategy once it has been finalised and approved.