

MIRRABOOKA LIBRARY — INNOVATION LAB

**472. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts:**

I note that a media release put out by the Minister for Culture and the Arts, Hon David Templeman, dated 11 June 2018 referred to the establishment of an innovation lab at Mirrabooka Library.

- (1) What analysis was undertaken before selecting Mirrabooka Library as the location of the innovation lab?
- (2) What strategies and safeguards have been put in place to maintain the equipment and prevent damage and theft?
- (3) Aside from the hub's 3D printers and robotics, what other items and/or technologies make up the "other technology" mentioned in the media release?
- (4) How does the establishment of the innovation lab translate into the creation of more local jobs?
- (5) How many new jobs have been created by the Local Projects, Local Jobs initiative in the last 12 months?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The project was identified by the local member as an initiative prior to the election and in consideration of community need.
- (2) The responsibility for security and maintenance of the items rests with the City of Stirling.
- (3) Other technology and items included a monochrome laser printer; a NAO robot; a 3D printer; small unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones; a virtual reality headset; synthesisers compatible with an iMac Pro; microphones; and a sewing machine to complement the in-kind provision of a laser cutter machine and associated consumables from a local company.
- (4)–(5) The Minister for Culture and the Arts is responsible for only a portion of the overall Local Projects, Local Jobs program. This project creates a space for the Mirrabooka community that is responsive to the latest technological equipment, providing opportunities for the people in the whole community to build their capacity, connectivity, digital literacy, lifelong learning and social connection that are essential for successful employment in a modern economy.