

PERTH STADIUM — PRE-OPERATING COSTS

**642. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the minister representing the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

I refer to the expenditure of \$886 000 in 2015–16, \$6.4 million in 2016–17 and \$5.9 million in 2017–18 for pre-operating costs for the stadium as outlined on page 680 of the state budget.

- (1) Can the minister provide a breakdown of this expenditure, including what activities and functions will be funded from this allocation?
- (2) Will any of this funding be paid to the stadium operator; and, if so, how much will flow to the operator each year?
- (3) Will any of this funding be paid to Westadium; and, if so, how much will flow to Westadium each year?

**Hon COL HOLT replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) These funds will be used to deliver the following activities: operator input into the design and fit-out to ensure that the venue can smoothly transition from construction to operations, including key stadium spaces including kitchens and restaurants; modelling and design of traffic and access, pedestrian flow and other interfaces in the sports precinct; negotiation of agreements with stadium hirers, content providers and venue partner arrangements; and communications regarding getting to and from stadium events.
- (2) Yes. The majority of funds will be paid to the operator as the majority of these activities will be undertaken by the operator. The actual amounts paid to the operator each year will depend on the amounts incurred as pre-operational costs in each financial year. The anticipated proportional costs to be incurred in each financial year are to be set out in the state budget papers.
- (3) None of this funding will be paid to Westadium.