

GAMES INDUSTRY — SUPPORT

**963. Hon TIM CLIFFORD to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Culture and the Arts:**

Since the closure of the Film and Television Institute WA in June, the WA games industry no longer receives support or funding from the government.

- (1) Can the minister explain why Screenwest does not offer funding to the games industry even though it was intended to take over the functions of the Film and Television Institute?
- (2) Given that the global games industry is worth more than double the global film industry, will the minister commit to supporting the further growth of this industry in WA by delivering a funding and support package that meets the industry's unique needs?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) If yes to (2), please provide details and an estimated time line for delivery.

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(4) Screenwest provided funding and support to the Film and Television Institute to develop the emerging film and television sector. The Film and Television Institute had determined as part of its strategic plan to provide support to the WA games industry outside the funds provided by Screenwest in the provision of office space and support from an advisory officer. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries will work with Screenwest on delivering on the state government's commitment to provide support for the gaming industry in recognition of the potential it can have in diversifying the economy and creating jobs.