

AUSTRALIAN MARINE COMPLEX STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND USE MASTER PLAN

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

I have a supplementary question. I thank the minister for that response. Can he reveal how much capital the state needs to invest to secure the full-cycle docking; and where is this shown in the budget?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

What we will do —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** There will be some implications for the state in meeting the requirements for full-cycle docking, so there will be some planning and possibly some infrastructure contributions with regard to state obligations. But understand this: full-cycle docking is a defence requirement; it is a defence activity. It is a federal obligation. The federal government will build any sheds that will need to be built. I am informed anecdotally that we are talking about facilities in the order of \$200 million. That will come from the federal government. That is not a state obligation. If the federal government wants to do its full-cycle docking in Western Australia—it should, in the national interest—it will pay for the shed to do it in. It may then also have to pay for some other infrastructure around Henderson to accommodate shifting the submarine up to the shed. We will provide our obligations in the normal course of responsibilities for a state government, but that will be known once we have the plan that tells us what we need to contribute—and the plan is being devised at this moment in conjunction with the federal government through defence. I do not know; I cannot tell the member the extent of any costs that may or may not be incurred by the state. But what I can say, and will happily put on the record, is that the federal government is building any new infrastructure to accommodate that activity. That is its job. That is what it does in South Australia; that is what it should do here, too. We are not going to get short-changed in that regard.