

CULTURE AND THE ARTS — DIGITAL ARCHIVES

183. 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 identifies the lack of a Digital Archive to accommodate an increasing volume of State archives created in digital format, and I ask:

- (a) does the Government intend to develop infrastructure to enable the transfer of digital archives to the State Records Office;
- (b) if yes to (a), would the Minister please provide information about the development of this infrastructure, including costings and timeframe where available; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Culture and the Arts (WA) division of the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries has drafted an ‘Application for Concept Approval’ (ACA) for the development of the ‘Western Australian Archive Centre’— an infrastructure storage solution for the State’s physical and digital archives. Subject to Government support of the ACA, the costings and timeframe of the proposed storage solution will be confirmed through the development of the business case.
- (c) Not applicable.