

TOURISM — QANTAS — PERTH–LONDON DIRECT FLIGHTS

3291. Mr W.R. Marmion to the Minister for Tourism; Racing and Gaming; Small Business; Defence Issues; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests:

- (1) Can the Minister confirm whether the following funding was provided by the State Government to Qantas in support of the new direct flights to London:
  - (a) \$14 million for capital works to accommodate Commonwealth border services at T3; and
  - (b) \$2.85 million in a marketing deal whereby Qantas contributes an equal amount in cash or kind?
- (2) If not, what funding has been provided or is being provided to Qantas?
- (3) If yes, has any further funding been provided or promised by the State government to Qantas?

**Mr P. Papalia replied:**

- (1)
  - (a) [See tabled paper no 1576.]
  - (b) \$2.85 million by Tourism WA (cash or value in kind) was originally committed to Qantas to help promote the Perth–London flights and develop Perth as the western hub for Qantas. Funding is provided over 3 years (2016/17–2018/19) with Qantas contributing an equal amount (cash or value in kind) and working in cooperative partnership. Due to the success of the flights in the first year of operation, the agreement has been revised and funds redirected to other Qantas routes for marketing purposes. The total funding now committed by each party for the promotion of the Perth–London flights across the term of the agreement is \$2.55 million.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No further funding has been provided or promised by the State government in association with the Perth–London flights.