

COMMERCE — WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY SECTOR — ADVOCACY

5216. Mr P. Papalia to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Commerce:

- (1) How many FTE and of what level/rank are dedicated to supporting and advocating on behalf of the Western Australian defence industry sector?
- (2) For each calendar year 2013, 2014 and 2015 how much money in total was spent on this role, please list the activities where the money was spent:
 - (a) for each year, at how many individual trade shows did the Department of Commerce fund a stand and please list each of these shows; and
 - (b) for each year, how many industry delegations did the Department of Commerce lead and please list destination countries, duration and number of delegates both government and industry?

Mr P.T. Miles replied:

- (1) 2 FTEs – one acting Class 1 and one L7. Other officers are called upon to assist as required. The Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Premier’s Chief of Staff are also members of the WA Defence Industry Council, the body established to advocate on behalf of the Western Australian defence industry sector.
- (2) For 2013 the total amount spent was \$42,987.76 ex Goods and Services Tax (GST). The major spending activity was on participating in the 2013 Pacific International Maritime Exposition.
For 2014 the total amount spent was \$40,925.87 (ex GST). The major spending activities were on the State’s Defence White Paper Submission; participation at the Defence and Industry Conference; and the Northern Territory Defence Summit.
For 2015 the total amount spent was \$52,372.75 (ex GST). The major spending activities were on participating in the 2015 Pacific International Maritime Exposition; the Australia’s Future Submarine Conference; and the Australia’s Future Surface Fleet Conference; and expenditure relating to the SEA1000 Future Submarine Project.
 - (a) 2013: 1 show – Pacific International Maritime Exposition, Sydney, 7–9 Oct;
2015: 1 show – Pacific International Maritime Exposition, Sydney, 6–8 Oct.
 - (b) Nil.