

PERTH CONVENTION BUREAU

662. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Tourism:

I have a supplementary question. Did the minister meet with the Perth Convention Bureau before he booked this cut to ask it what it thought the impacts of the cut would be?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

No, we did not. This was something that came up in the final stages of the budget as we moved towards having to make significant cuts in order to get the budget to where it finished up, so it was one of those decisions that was made. I was very pleased to be able to keep the funding as it was for the current financial year, and I will represent —

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Dr K.D. HAMES: No, it is not; that is next year. The member should have another look. This year it is the same.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Just through the Chair, thank you.

Dr K.D. HAMES: No, the 2015–16 budget is the same; 2016–17 is when it starts reducing. I will be making those submissions booking towards the next budget.