

29 September 2016

Q.1

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: To follow up, Ms Marsden, you said a number of members from the Powerhouse Museum also replied?

Mr HOWARTH: What Ms Marsden said was that we have members at the Powerhouse Museum. I do not know whether they replied.

The Hon. SHAOQUETT MOSELMANE: What was their response?

The CHAIR: That might be a bit specific and you might want to take that on notice.

Ms MARSDEN: Yes, thank you.

ANSWER:

The July 2016 newsletter for the NSW branch of Museums Australia was emailed to the branch membership on July 25. The newsletter included an announcement of the inquiry, a survey monkey link, a listing of the inquiry terms of reference and an invitation for members to respond so information could be garnered for an organisational submission.

Responses were received in three ways:

1. Survey Monkey ToR listing (23)
2. Emails to Branch Officer (28)
3. Phone calls to Branch Officer (26)

While all of the membership had the opportunity to contribute, the logged total responses of 77 from 355 members represents a 21% return rate (this number could be lower if some survey monkey respondents also responded by phone or email). Survey Monkey responses are de-identified. Emails and phone calls were all from individual members (54), no responses were received from any organisational member. No responses were received from any individual member employed by the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences.

Q. 2

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Do you sometimes find—and I suppose this is where the Hon. Shaoquett Moselmane is going—a discrepancy between the views that are expressed by individuals who work within an organisation and the organisation itself?

Ms MARSDEN: Yes, there is but that is in any situation which we have been dealing with over the years. For example, efficiency dividends or whatever else you want to talk about, because it is such a broad church there are different views—yes, of course. Our job is to synthesise those and get very clear—

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: Rather than putting you on the spot, I would invite you if you wish to give any further detail on notice if there are any discrepancies at the Powerhouse.

Ms MARSDEN: Okay, thanks.

ANSWER:

Given the answer to the first question above, no further information can be provided.