

Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery – Staff Cuts

Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for ARTS

My question comes from several friends of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG), members from my electorate. TMAG is more than an exhibition space, Minister. Its collections and the research facility at Rosny houses scientific, historical and cultural items managed by skilled specialists. There are more than half a million specimens which need active management, otherwise they deteriorate. We are told that staff are already stretched. Minister, TMAG has a legal obligation under the Act to responsibly maintain these collections. How do you expect TMAG to maintain statutory obligations if major staff cuts of its already stretched workforce - 30 per cent or otherwise - are made? How will this Government ensure invaluable specimens, objects and collections are not lost?