Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery Staff Cuts

Mr BAYLEY question to MINISTER for the ARTS

My question is from a constituent on behalf of dozens of my constituents who signed an open letter to the Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Arts, calling on the Government to reconsider cuts to TMAG so the much-loved institution can meet its statutory obligations, including preserving and presenting the state collection. Minister, many believe that the State Government knows full well that TMAG is already stretched by budget constraints and a lack of capacity, and that was before these latest job cuts were announced, and questions over TMAG's sustainability have been raised in formal advice. Minister, can you confirm the existence of a consultant's report into the financial sustainability of TMAG authored in recent years? Can you confirm that it raises serious questions over TMAG's sustainability and capacity to meet its statutory obligations? Can you please table this, and any other report or advice received over the last 10 years about the viability of TMAG, the state of its facilities, and/or the requirements that would enable it to meet its legal obligations and/or the expectations of Tasmanians?