

Question on notice no. 361

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Additional estimates

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Defence Portfolio

Senator Jordon Steele-John: asked the Australian War Memorial on 4 March 2020

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Answer —

Answer attached

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Outcome: All Program: All

Topic: AWM Re-development

(Written Question on Notice)

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Answer

Failure to approve the replacement Anzac Hall with the proposed new facilities required to meet the Memorial's needs as established in the 2018 Detailed Business Case (DBC) would result in additional time and money for re-design work to produce a less effective result for the Memorial.

The Development Project could go ahead without replacing the existing Anzac Hall. Based on the extensive options analysis, including the formal architectural design competition in 2019, undertaken by the Memorial prior to determining the need to replace the existing Anzac Hall. However this would result in reduced 'value for money' outcomes including the delivery a facility less capable than the requirement established in the DBC to ensure the Memorial's long term viability.