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Dear Mr Bayley

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 16 April 2026 on behalf of your constituents Joe and Margaret regarding funding the Salamanca Arts Centre. This question has been redirected to me as the Minister for Parks and Heritage.

I understand you raised parts of the question in Budget Estimates with the Acting Minister at the time, Hon Eric Abetz and I trust the response provided through the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania Secretary Jason Jacobi was satisfactory.

As outlined during Budget Estimates, under the lease maintenance responsibilities largely sit with Salamanca Arts Centre as the lessee.

I understand the department is working with SAC to better understand what maintenance work needs to be done, but it's essentially it is the Centre's responsibility to manage the maintenance, with the department providing supporting where possible for the smaller matters.

In essence, under the lease both the Crown, which provides the heritage-listed building for a nominal rent, and the Salamanca Arts Centre have their own responsibilities for funding.

As for the further part of your question in relation to funding for the last 14 years, I am seeking the detail around that information and will respond in due course.

Once again thank you for raising this matter with us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks and Heritage