



Minister for Police; Tourism;
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Hon Ken Travers MLC
Chair
Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Travers

Thank you for your letter received on 24 March 2014 regarding my responses to Questions on Notice A2 and A3 from the 2013/14 Budget Estimates Hearings, and your request for advice as to why action had not been taken in accordance with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

In respect to question A2, I did not decline to provide the information requested by the Committee but sought the opportunity to receive further advice on specific matters of interest to Committee Members, which the Tourism WA Board may have considered over the period in question.

As indicated in my response, Board minutes contain information that is confidential, including Cabinet-in-confidence, and commercial interests of the State and other parties. Specific questions regarding the deliberations of the Board were requested to enable all potential confidential material to be appropriately reviewed so that due consideration could be given to the State's and other parties' interests.

My obligations under section 82 in respect to question A3 were not brought to my attention at the time. However, having now been made aware of them I have taken the necessary steps to advise the Office of the Auditor General and both Houses of Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR POLICE; TOURISM;
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