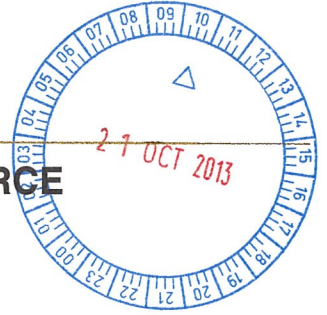




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ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE

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Hon Ken Travers MLC
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Dear Chair

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS –TRANSCRIPT
2013/14 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL**

Thank you for your letter dated 2 October 2013 regarding the evidence provided to the Committee at the public hearing on Thursday 26 September 2013 as part of the 2013/14 Budget Estimates Hearings.

On page 3 of the Transcript I am quoted as saying in relation to the family and domestic violence service in the Perth area that funding is \$3 million over three years. The funding is \$3.2 million over 5 years from 2012/13.

For the median criminal time to trial statistics quoted on page 7 of the transcript:

- Median criminal time to trial in 2003/04 was 45.5 weeks not the 43 weeks quoted. It was 45 weeks in 2004/05 and rose back to 45.5 weeks in 2005/06.
- Median criminal time to trial in 2007/08 was 32.5 not the 32 weeks quoted.
- Median criminal time to trial in 2010/11 was 24 weeks not the 25 weeks quoted.
- Median criminal time to trial in 2011/12 was 26 weeks rather than the 26-28 weeks quoted.

I would suggest these figures be amended in Hansard to reflect actual results rather than an approximation.

There is also a small discrepancy between the data provided on lodgements on page 8 of the transcript and the data to be provided in supplementary question B3 which are based on the information contained in the Report on Government Services.

The statistics quoted on the transcript of evidence (page 8).

- Civil lodgements quoted at 2,880 in transcript should read 2,884.

- General division criminal lodgements - the 257 quoted in transcript should be 256.

In order that there is consistency between the two sets of figures it would be preferable that Hansard be corrected.

I also note the Efficiency Indicator of the Magistrates Court – Civil – Cost per Case cited by the Hon Nick Goiran on page 18 of the Transcript as \$345,000 is in fact \$345. This is because the column heading, which indicates the figures are counted in thousands (\$'000) only relates to the Cost of Service and Employee figures and not the Efficiency Indicators.

A number of supplementary questions were asked during the hearing and the answers to those questions which relate to the Department of the Attorney General are attached for the Committee's consideration.

Yours sincerely



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ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE

16 OCT 2013

Attach: