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COMMITTEE CALLS FOR DEBATE ON PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

The Standing Committee on Public Administration will table a public discussion paper on public sector reform this afternoon in the Legislative Council as Appendix 1 to Report 16.

Committee Chairman, Hon Max Trenorden MLC today said that the Committee has become convinced that public sector reform is essential for the long-term prosperity of Western Australia.

"We have looked carefully at the public sector reform processes in other jurisdictions this year, and we think there is a real need for public sector reform in Western Australia," Mr Trenorden said. He went on to say that; "If the opportunity to reform our public sector is not harnessed and maximised, we will lose an important competitive advantage to our local, regional and global competitors."

"What is obvious to us from what we have seen in other jurisdictions is that any successful public sector reform program needs clear objectives; a bipartisan approach; real leadership; and, effective performance management."

"We believe that a significant public debate needs to start around what public sector reform looks like; what it can deliver; and, how we will know when it is being delivered. We have decided to start the debate by releasing this public discussion paper, and calling for submissions."

Once tabled in the Legislative Council, copies of the public discussion paper will be available on the Committee's website at:

<http://www.parliament.wa.gov.au/pub>

Submissions close at **5.00pm, Friday, 8 February 2013.**

Submissions in response to the Public Discussion Paper are welcomed from all individuals and groups, and should be addressed to:

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