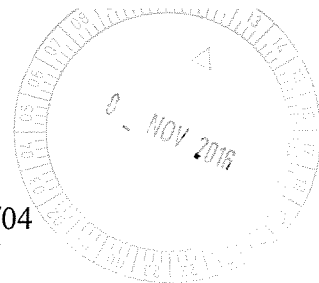




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Hon Rick Mazza MLC  
Chair  
Estimates and Financial Operations Committee  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

***Attention: Mark Warner, Committee Clerk***

Dear Chair

**2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT HEARING – TRANSCRIPT OF EVIDENCE AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

I refer to your letter received by email on 26 October 2016 attaching the uncorrected transcript of evidence from the hearing held on 25 October 2016.

I confirm that I have read the transcript and have no corrections. I attach the supplementary information requested on page 8 of the transcript (Number C1). I would also like to take this opportunity to provide the Committee with some further information in relation to two topics raised during the hearing. This will provide additional context that may be of use in the Committee's deliberations.

On page 1 of the transcript, I note that my office does not provide any sort of guideline or publication to agencies that is not also available on my office's website. I should note that officers of State and local government agencies who attend workshops and briefings provided by my office may be provided with printouts of presentations and practical exercises specifically relevant to matters discussed in the training. These materials may not be published on the website because they require the context of the training to be most effective. While I would not consider these documents to be guidelines or publications, I wish to draw them to the Committee's attention for completeness.

In respect of the questions regarding my office's staffing arrangements (pages 8-10), I provide the following additional detail:

- My office currently has 11.4 full time equivalent staff (FTE), including myself, with a headcount of 12 staff.
- During the last financial year my FTE count reduced by 1.45. Due to budget uncertainty and the recruitment freeze, those positions were not advertised and are currently filled by existing staff, leaving their substantive positions vacant.

I have no concerns about this letter or its attachment being published without further reference to me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Bluemmel', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sven Bluemmel  
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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