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## MINISTER FOR MINES & PETROLEUM; HOUSING

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Hon Ken Travers MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Mr Travers

I refer to my previous response to your letter of 21 November 2013, which provided answers to questions from the Committee to the Housing Authority as part of the Committee's 2012-13 Agency Annual Report Hearings, along with my preliminary concerns about releasing a business case document in relation to the One on Aberdeen development in Northbridge.

I have previously advised that the Housing Authority is contractually prohibited from disclosing the business case without the consent of a third party whose information is contained in the document, unless required by law to do so.

I have now considered the content of the document and concluded that it does contain the information of a private sector entity that is commercial in confidence and therefore should not be disclosed. The information essentially comprises financial ratios and returns, and comprises a relatively small part of the document.

This information is commercial in confidence because it reveals valuable commercial information as to the manner in which the entity calculates its fees and returns in transactions of this nature, to achieve outcomes that are both commercially viable for the entity and competitive in public sector tenders.

The Housing Authority has obtained consent from the third party entity to disclose those parts to the Committee that are not commercial in confidence. I therefore propose to obtain from the Housing Authority, and provide to the Committee, the 2010 document that formed the business case, edited to delete the commercial in confidence information.

Please confirm that the above approach is acceptable to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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