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Alanna
Dear Ms Clohesy

2016-17 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS – QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

I refer to your letter of 24 October 2017 from Estimates and Financial Operations Committee in relation to 2016-17 Annual Report Hearings – Questions Prior to Hearing.

As requested, please find attached responses to the questions posed to the Western Australian Electoral Commission.

Yours sincerely

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Att

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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Western Australian Electoral Commission

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

1. Page 21 of the annual report under the heading 'other elections conducted' outlines 26 electoral events for unions, boards and community organisations.

a) Will you please provide a list of these organisations?

Answer: A list of elections is attached. See page 3.

b) What was the total cost for each election?

Answer: In the case of elections conducted for private organisations it is not appropriate for the WAEC to disclose the amount each organisation chooses to pay to conduct their election process. The WAEC can confirm that in all such cases the Commission operates on a "full cost recovery" basis.

For the conduct of industrial elections, the WAEC receives an annual grant (\$116,000) from the Industrial Relations Commission to cover the cost of all such elections.

c) Was the cost of each election covered entirely by the relevant organisation and if not what was the cost to the electoral commission?

Answer: As indicated in Q1 (b) there is no cost to the Commission.

2. Page 12 of the annual report outlines 45 FTE at the WAEC.

a) How many people are employed under that FTE?

Answer: To clarify, as at 30 June 2017, the Commission had 45 permanent staff members - 39 Full Time and 6 Part Time staff.

b) How many staff, by FTE and head count, have been made redundant to date under the government's voluntary targeted separation scheme?

Answer: Nil

b) What is the agency's target for redundancies under the VTSS?

Answer: 2

3. Page 7 of the annual report makes a recommendation that internet voting be introduced in certain circumstances for the next State election. Will the government be utilising and/or expanding iVote technology for the 2021 election?

Answer: The Government is currently considering the recommendations.

4. Page 7 of the annual report makes a recommendation to review and rewrite the Electoral Act 1907. Will the government be reviewing the Act and if so when will that take place?

Answer: The government is currently considering the recommendations.

Non-Parliamentary Elections 2016-2017

Fire and Emergency Services Superannuation Fund

The Australian Nursing Federation, Industrial Union of Workers Perth

Edith Cowan University Council – Two (2) Enrolled Students

Department of Transport – Marine Safety

The Independent Education Union of Western Australia, Union of Employees

National Trust of Australia (WA)

Curtin Student Guild (2 elections)

University of Western Australia Student Guild

The Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association of Western Australia

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Western Australia (Inc.)

Department of Education Services

Public Transport Authority (2 elections)

Health Services Union of Western Australia (Union of Workers) (2 elections)

The Master Plumbers and Gasfitters Association of Western Australia (Union of Employers) (2 elections)

The Master Painters, Decorators and Signwriters' Association of Western Australia (Union of Employers) (2 elections)

City of Joondalup

CBH Group

Western Australian Electoral Commission – Occupational Safety & Health Representative

University of Western Australia Academic Staff Association

The Independent Education Union of Western Australia, Union of Employees

WA Police Appeal Board