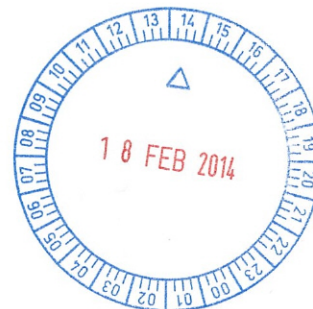




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Hon Ken Travers MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Travers

2012/13 Agency Annual Report Hearing

I refer to your letter dated 3 February 2014 to the Premier concerning the appearance of Department officers at the above hearing on 30 January 2014. The Premier has asked me to reply directly to you on his behalf.

Please find attached the following information requested by the Committee;

- supplementary information requested in the course of the Department's appearance on 30 January 2014;
- answers to the additional questions asked by the Committee and provided with your letter dated 3 February 2014; and
- corrected Hansard transcripts from the officers who appeared on 30 January 2014.

I also wish to advise the Committee of two corrections of factual information in the evidence given on 30 January 2014. Firstly, at page 13 of the Hansard document, Mrs Kathryn Andrews incorrectly identified a lease for an electorate office in Tom Price. The correct town in which that electorate office is located is Newman.

Secondly, at page 30 of the Hansard document, Mr Conran and Mr Moore indicated that the leaders of political parties are provided with an additional electorate officer. It should be corrected that only the Premier and Leader of the Opposition receive an additional electorate officer.

The attached supplementary information includes the tender documentation for Request DPC 1596 for shark drum line deployment, management and associated services- metropolitan. There is information contained in this tender documentation that is both personally and commercially sensitive and it is recommended that the Committee treat that information as private.

As you would be aware from media reports there were threats made to the personal safety of some tenderers and it is likely that public release of further personal or commercial information may lead to continued or additional threats or the possibility of actual personal harm against successful and unsuccessful tenderers. As you will see the documentation includes personal information and details such as drivers and firearm licences as well as contact details included in the tender application form. This information is highly confidential and would not, as part of normal public sector operations, be disclosed publicly.

The nature of the tender request documentation required tenderers to disclose details of their commercial operation including but not limited to number and quality of boats operated, crew numbers and insurance details. Public disclosure of this information might be commercially harmful to both successful and unsuccessful respondents and the Committee is requested to consider making such information private.

Due to the difficulty in separating out material that should not be released publicly from that material suitable for public release it is recommended that none of the tender documentation be publicly released by the Committee.

Yours sincerely



Peter Conran
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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