



## Premier of Western Australia

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Ms Tracey Sharpe  
Committee Clerk  
Estimates and Financial Operations Committee  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Sharpe

Please find enclosed answers to questions prior to hearing from the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee in respect to the Department of Premier and Cabinet's 2016-17 Annual Report.

Yours sincerely

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## ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

### Department of the Premier and Cabinet

#### Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC asked:



1) The Director General refers to the McGowan Government's public sector reforms as the largest in more than two decades (page 7), and I ask:

- a) Can you please advise therefore in respect to the Service Priority Review whether all 17 recommendations and 37 actions have been accepted by Government?

**Answer:** The State Government has endorsed the final report, broadly supporting the recommendations.

- b) If some have not been accepted, why so?

**Answer:** See response to 1(a).

- c) When will the detailed implementation plan that forms one of the actions be made available?

**Answer:** The Department of the Premier and Cabinet will develop an implementation plan for public sector reform in 2018. The implementation plan will be subject to Cabinet approval.

- d) When will recommendations and actions be implemented?

**Answer:** See responses to 1(a) and 1(c).

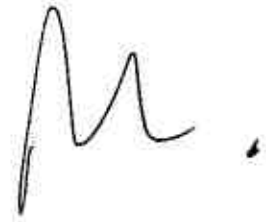
2) How many staff in the DPC supported the Service Priority Review (page 7) and the Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects? Were they brought on specifically to support these reviews or taken off other duties, and if the latter, then which duties were no longer performed?

**Answer:** One officer from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet was placed temporarily in the Service Priority Review secretariat to assist with the review. Their DPC work duties were performed by other DPC officers. Four employees from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet supported the Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects.

All five of these employees were existing employees of the Department. One employee was assigned from administrative roles within the Department's Information Management and Technology Branch and duties were reallocated to other employees. Four employees were from the Department's supernumerary list and had no assigned duties.

- 3) In addition to the four Senior Officers who left the Department in 2017 (page 13), how many of the Senior Officers listed on pages 10 – 12 have subsequently also left the Department?

**Answer:** Four Senior Officers have subsequently left the Department. One officer retired, two were transferred to another public sector agency as a result of machinery of government changes while the remaining officer left at the conclusion of their secondment period.

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