



Premier of Western Australia

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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 your letter dated 11 December 2015 concerning the recent appearance before the Committee by officers from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, at the 2014-15 Agency Annual Report Hearing. Please find attached supplementary information requested in the course of the Department's appearance on 8 December 2015.

In the hearing the Department was questioned about the speed of internet connections in parliamentary electorate offices. While no specific question was allocated as supplementary information the Department undertook to examine the issue. I can advise the Committee that the Department is continuing to examine the matter and this will be the subject of further correspondence from the Director General of the Department to the Committee, in 2016.

During the course of the hearing there was also some confusion caused by different versions of the Department's annual report located on its website, being referenced by Committee members and witnesses. I am advised that the Department is fully compliant with all accessibility requirements for printable material on websites and, as a result, maintains both word and (searchable) PDF versions of its annual reports on the website. Unfortunately, this can cause page numbering to change between versions, making comparisons difficult between those using electronic versions and those using a hard copy. It may assist the Committee in future if it is possible to advise witnesses in advance of hearings to work from a particular version of the annual report or, alternatively, for the Department to provide the Committee with hard copies if it would prefer.

Yours sincerely

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