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Chair's Foreword

The Economics and Industry Standing Committee undertook an ambitious programme of work across 2018–19, tackling a number of challenging topics.

Across the course of the year, we have conducted three inquiries, held 27 deliberative meetings, 53 hearings and received 17 briefings.

Our first report, *Western Australia's Smash Repair Industry: Structural Challenges*, examined the State's smash repair industry, noting the significant changes underway in that sector. The Committee observed vertical industry consolidation and increasing pressures on small operators to integrate into insurance company's models and practices, squeezing their profit margins and forcing many small businesses to the wall.

We were disappointed to observe the lack of Federal Government leadership in tasking the ACCC to investigate market abuse allegations made against large insurers, despite repeated calls from a number of industry organisations, and other State and Federal parliamentary inquiries. The Committee also observed growing disquiet over operations in the tow truck industry. These matters were outside of the Inquiry terms of reference but may nonetheless warrant further investigation or policy responses from Government.

Our second major inquiry has examined the emergence of microgrids and associated technologies in Western Australia's (WA) energy industry. This is a very complex technical and policy area. Again, this industry is also undergoing rapid transformation. The Interim Report, *Implications of a Distributed Energy Future*, was tabled by the Committee in April 2019. It sought to outline the nature of the energy sector here in WA; provide an overview of the opportunities presented by the technologies, right along the value chain; and showcase the innovation and dynamism in WA's energy industry.

There is no doubt that Western Australia is leading the world in the development of microgrid and distributed energy technologies. There are, however, a number of regulatory and policy barriers to overcome.

Other jurisdictions have designed new markets and regulatory frameworks to accommodate the changes underway in their own energy sectors, particularly in the USA. The Committee therefore travelled to the US to meet with policy makers, market operators, industry participants and regulators to understand the different market and regulatory approaches that can be adopted. We greatly appreciated the openness with which our host organisations engaged and learned an incredible amount about how other jurisdictions have met the challenges associated with the transition to a distributed energy future.

During the final phase of this Inquiry, we applied the information acquired in the USA and have focussed our subsequent hearings on policy and regulatory issues. The Final Report will expand on some of the more challenging technical factors presented by these new technologies and consider technical, market and regulatory aspects affecting the efficient rollout of the technologies.

The Committee has also initiated an Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation, following a number of representations made to Members by parties both for and against this new industry. Again, the Committee has witnessed a sector in transition – traditional operators are finding their business models disrupted by new technology platforms and changing consumer preferences.

The Short-Stay Accommodation Inquiry has attracted significant public interest. It surpassed the previous record number of submissions received by this Committee since 2000, set by our 2017 Regional Airfares inquiry.

There are a wide range of views on the topic, across the State and within local government areas. The Committee travelled to Margaret River in the State's South West to hear the concerns of a local community that seems particularly affected by the changes underway.

The Committee used the Short-Stay Accommodation Inquiry to again trial new and innovative mechanisms to gather evidence and engage Western Australians in the processes of their Parliament.

Previously, in the Regional Airfares Inquiry, the EISC trialled 'Town Hall'-style meetings in regional towns, to ensure we appreciated community sentiment. We also trialled the live broadcast of hearings, so that people in regional areas could watch proceedings.

For the Short-Stay Accommodation Inquiry, given the even greater volume of submissions and level of interest from across the State, we again chose to broadcast our hearings.

We also decided to hold public deposition sessions, giving a significant number of community members the opportunity to provide evidence directly to the Committee and place their views on the public record.

Many Western Australians are perhaps not sufficiently aware that participating in Parliamentary Committees is one of the most direct ways they can influence policy outcomes.

However, Parliamentary Committees have traditionally run very formal question-and-answer, hour-long hearings, which can be quite intimidating and may discourage people from coming forward and giving their elected representatives a view of their

concerns. Committees also tend to predominantly hear from well-organised, well-resourced companies and industry organisations.

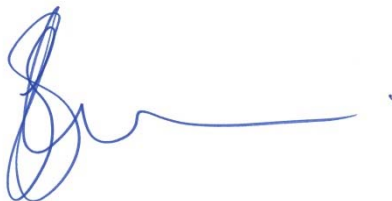
The deposition format we trialled through the Short-Stay Accommodation Inquiry is a new approach. It allows people to make three to five minute presentations to the Committee and aims to encourage people to participate in their Parliament. It allowed us to hear from a wide range of people and get a clear picture of the various perspectives on this very complex issue.

The Committee is very grateful for the level of engagement we have received on all of our inquiries across 2018–19. We intend to continue our efforts to inquire into topics of significance to the economic development of the State and facilitate a greater level of public participation in parliamentary processes.

Throughout the course of 2018–19, we have been greatly assisted by Principal Research Officer David Worth, Research Officers Lachlan Gregory and Franchesca Walker and the Hansard staff. We have maintained heavy hearing and inquiry schedules this year and I would like to express the Committee’s gratitude for their advice and support.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Sean L’Estrange, Yaz Mubarakai, Stephen Price and Terry Redman for working in such a collegial and constructive manner on the Committee’s work programme. We continue to tackle some complex, topical issues and I believe we have produced some helpful multi-partisan contributions to public debate.

In that spirit, I look forward to continuing to work with my fellow members on our exciting agenda into 2019–20.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Shaw', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

MS JESSICA SHAW, MLA
CHAIR

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Chapter 1

Committee's activities

A report on the activities of the Economics and Industry Standing Committee for the financial year 2018–19.

1.1 Introduction

During the course of the 2018–19 reporting period the Economics and Industry Standing Committee (the Committee) undertook three inquiries. The Committee tabled the final report of its Inquiry into Western Australia's Automotive Smash Repair Industry, *Western Australia's Smash Repair Industry: Structural Challenges*, on the 29 November 2018. An Interim Report of the Inquiry into Microgrids and Associated Technologies in Western Australia (WA) was tabled on 10 April 2019 and the final report will be tabled in August 2019.

In November 2018, the Committee commenced a new inquiry into the regulation of the State's short-stay accommodation sector and anticipates tabling the final report for this Inquiry in August 2019.

Table 1.1 includes a summary of the activities of the Committee during the course of this reporting period – 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

Table 1.1: Summary of Committee activities, 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Activity	Number
Reports tabled	3
Deliberative meetings	27
Public and closed hearings	53
Public deposition sessions	4
Briefings	17
Witnesses appearing	109

1.2 Portfolios

The portfolio areas of the Committee as determined by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the 40th Parliament are:

- Agriculture and Food
- Asian Engagement
- Commerce and Industrial Relations
- Defence Issues
- Energy
- Fisheries
- Forestry
- Heritage
- Housing
- Innovation and ICT
- Lands
- Mines and Petroleum
- Planning
- Racing and Gaming
- Regional Development
- Science
- Small Business
- State Development, Jobs and Trade
- Tourism
- Transport
- Water

1.3 Public and closed hearings

Pursuant to Standing Order 264, the Committee has the power to send for persons, papers and records. During the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019, the Committee conducted 47 public hearings and took evidence from 109 witnesses for the three inquiries it conducted in this period.

Table 1.2: Witnesses who provided evidence at public hearings of the Committee, 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
22 August 2018	Mr Brian Spak	Leader Grids and Renewable Energy Integration	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
12 September 2018	Mr Rob Bartlett	Executive Manager Joint Venture Operations	Suncorp Australia
	Mr Steven Fitzpatrick	Executive Manager Short Tail Claims	Insurance Australia Group

	Mr Troy Johns	Specialist, Industry Relations, Risk and Governance	
19 September 2018	Mr Richard Howe	Deputy Chief Executive	Insurance Commission of Western Australia
10 October 2018	Mr Patrick Creaghan	Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer	ATCO Australia
	Mr Stevan Green	President Gas Division	
	Mr Steve Lewis	General Manager Business Development	
	Ms Elizabeth Aitken	General Manager Operations	Perth Energy
	Mr Patrick Peake	General Manager EMR, Regulation	
	Ms Nicole SanGregory	Manager Wholesale Risk and New Products	
17 October 2018	Mr Rodney Littlejohn	Managing Director	Tersum Energy
	Miss Erin Stone	Energy Economist	
	Mr Murray Hadley	Chair	Geraldton Community Energy Steering Committee
	Mr David Martin	Managing Director	Power Ledger
	Ms Sarah Graham	Policy Analyst	
31 October 2018	Mr Laurie Curro	General Manager Power Systems	Horizon Power
	Mr Terry Mohn	General Manager Advanced Microgrid Development	
	Mr Mark Paterson	General Manager Consumer Energy	
21 November 2018	Mr Chris Pattas	General Manager Distribution	Australian Energy Regulator
	Mr Andrew Dillon	Chief Executive Officer	Energy Networks Australia
	Mr Stuart Johnston	General Manager Network Transformation	
	Ms Audrey Zibelman	Chief Executive Officer	Australian Energy Market Operator
	Mr Cameron Parrotte	Executive General Manager WA	
	Mr Martin Maticka	Group Manager WA Market Operations	

23 November 2018	Mr Guy Chalkley	Chief Executive Officer	Western Power
	Mr Michael Crevola	Chief Financial Officer	
	Mr Seán McGoldrick	Executive Manager Asset Management	
	Mr Benjamin Bristow	Manager, Distribution Grid Strategy	
	Mr David Markham	Manager DER and Networks Policy	Australian Energy Council
	Mr Scott Davis	WA Policy Advisor	
	Ms Michelle Shepherd	Commissioner	Australian Energy Market Commission
	Mrs Anne Pearson	Chief Executive	
	Mr Andrew Truswell	Director Transmission and Distribution Networks	
28 November 2018	Mr Will Bargmann	General Manager Corporate Services	Synergy
	Mr Jason Froud	Manager Policy	
	Mr Zaeen Khan	Executive Director	Public Utilities Office, Department of Treasury
	Mr Aden Barker	Program Director Wholesale Energy Markets	
31 October 2018	Ms Gail McGowan	Director General	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
	Ms Jacqueline Stone	Director Policy and Projects	
	Ms Kylie Woods	Senior Legal Officer	
13 February 2019	Ms Joanne Burges	Executive Manager People and Place	WALGA
	Ms Vanessa Jackson	Policy Manager Planning and Improvement	
	Mr Evan Hall	Chief Executive Officer	Tourism Council WA
	Mr Luke Martin	Chief Executive Officer	Tourism Industry Council Tasmania
20 February 2019	Mr Brent Thomas	Head of Public Policy Australia/New Zealand	Airbnb Australia
	Mr Sam McDonagh	Director, Country Manager Australia/New Zealand	
	Mr Eacham Curry	Director Government and Corporate Affairs	Expedia Group
	Dr Vanessa Findlay	Policy and Strategy Advisor	

13 March 2019	Mr Bradley Woods	Chief Executive Officer	Australian Hotels Association (WA)
	Mr Paul Garbett	Director Planning and Strategic Projects	City of Fremantle
	Mr Matthew Hammond	Manager Economic Development and Marketing	
	Mr Pasqualino Bracone	Manager, Approval Services	City of Wanneroo
10 April 2019	Mr Nathan Harding	Chairman, Board of Commissioners	Tourism WA
	Mr Campbell Fletcher	Policy and Planning Manager	
	Professor Kerry Brown	Professor (Employment and Industry)	School of Business and Law, Edith Cowan University
	Associate Professor Hadrian Djajadikerta	Associate Dean (Research)	
	Dr Christof Pforr	Professor (Tourism)	Faculty of Business and Law, Curtin University
	Dr Michael Volgger	Senior Lecturer	
30 April 2019 Margaret River	Mr Paul Needham	Director, Planning and Development Services	City of Busselton
	Mr Kelvin Storey	Team Leader, Strategic Planning and Urban Design	City of Bunbury
	Mr Richard Jones	Manager	Geographe Cove Resort, Dunsborough
	Mr Rhys Johnson	Manager/Director	Mandalay Holiday Resort and Tourist Park, Busselton
	Mr Gavin Farrell	Owner	BIG4 Beachlands Holiday Park, Busselton
1 May 2019 Margaret River	Mrs Debbie Noonan	Spokesperson	Registered Accommodation Providers of the Margaret River Region
	Mr Peter Noonan	Co-founder	
	Ms Sharna Kearney	Joint Chief Executive Officers	Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association
	Mr Stephen Harrison		
	Mr Mark Fisher	Owner/Manager	Wyadup Brook Cottages, Yallingup
	Mrs Judith Fisher		

	Mrs Louise Stokes	Proprietor	Holberry House, Nannup
	Mr David Martin	Owner	Stormflower Vineyard, Gracetown
	Mr Alan Wilkes	Owner	Edge of the Forest Motel
	Mr Robert McDonald	Owner	Bushy Lake Chalets
	Mrs Jane Purdie	Owner	Rosewood Guesthouse
2 May 2019 Margaret River	Ms Pam Townshend	Shire President	Shire of Augusta-Margaret River
	Mr Ian Earl	Councillor	
	Mr Nick Logan	Acting Director Sustainable Development	
8 May 2019	Mr Kees Jan Boonen	Head Public Affairs, APAC	Booking.com
	Mrs Tracey Foxall	Regional Manager, Oceania	
	Mrs Lyda Hayward	Property Manager	Pass Your Keys Pty Ltd
	Mrs Amanda Walker	Director	WA HomeStay Pty Ltd
15 May 2019	Mr Robert Farley	Acting Director Planning and Development	City of Perth
	Ms Margaret Smith	Manager Development Approvals	
	Mrs Ann Harrop	Senior Planner	City of Mandurah
	Mr Ben Dreckow	Manager Planning and Land Services	
	Mrs Stacey Graham	President	Tourism Rockingham Inc
24 May 2019	Mr Michael Leake	Manager	Habitat Resort Broome
	Miss Kirsten Wood	Manager Planning and Building	Shire of Broome
	Mr Andre Stuyt	Director Development and Community	
	Ms Elizabeth Jack	Chief Executive Officer	Denmark Chamber of Commerce
	Mr Paul Camins	Executive Director Development Services	City of Albany
	Mr Alexander Bott	Coordinator Planning Services	

12 June 2019	Mr Robert Taylor	Chief Executive Officer	Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Council
	Ms Rachel Cosentino	Immediate Past President	Strata Community Association WA
19 June 2019	Ms Lisa Kazalac	Acting Chief Executive Officer	Shelter WA
	Dr Klaudia Mierswa	Policy Officer	
	Ms Samantha Jenkinson	Executive Director	People with Disabilities (WA)
	Mr Christopher Rodwell	Chief Executive Officer	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia
	Mr Rick Newnham	Chief Economist	
	Mr Adrian Fini	Director	FJM Property/Fini Group
	Mr David Bornmann	Director of Operations	The Marina Mindarie
26 June 2019	Mr David Caddy	Chairman	Western Australian Planning Commission
	Ms Gail McGowan	Director General	Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

The Committee held six closed hearings with six witnesses during the reporting period.

Table 1.3: Witnesses who provided evidence at closed hearings of the Committee, 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
13 August 2018	Confidential		
	Confidential		
	Confidential		
	Confidential		
	Confidential		
30 April 2019 Margaret River	Mr Rodney Hughes	Director/General Manager	Abbey Beach Resort

1.4 Briefings

The Committee received 17 briefings involving 43 witnesses during 2018–19, primarily in preparation for its Interim and Final Reports for the Inquiry into Microgrids and Associated Technologies. Details of these are contained in Table 1.4 below.

Table 1.4: Witnesses who briefed the Committee: 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
19 September 2018	Mr Matthew Bowen	Partner	Jackson McDonald
	Ms Chloe D'Souza	Solicitor	
24 September 2018 San Francisco, USA	Mr Matt Lecar	Principal, FERC and ISO Relations	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
	Mr Mark Esguerra	Director, Integrated Grid Planning, Grid Integration and Innovation	
	Mr Dean Weng	Senior Project Engineer, Integration of Distributed Energy Resources Power Delivery and Utilization	Electric Power Research Institute
	Mr Hareesh Kamath	Senior Program Manager, Distributed Energy Resources Power Delivery and Utilization	
	Dr Tanguy F. Hubert	Senior Project Engineer, Integration of Distributed Energy Resources Power Delivery and Utilization	
	Mr Nicholas Tumilocwicz	Principal Manager, Integration of Distributed Energy Resources Power Delivery and Utilization	
	Mr Rajan Mutialu	Senior Analyst, Policy and Planning Division	
	Mr Andrew Schwartz	Director, Policy and Electricity Markets	SolarCity (Tesla Energy Operations Inc)
	Mr Andrew Klinkman	Business Development Energy Products	Tesla

25 September 2018 Sacramento, USA	Mr David Hochschild	Commissioner	California Energy Commission
	Ms Laurie ten Hope	Deputy Director, Research and Development Division	
	Ms Rachel Huang	Director, Energy Strategy, Research and Development	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
	Mr David Brown	Principal Distribution System Engineer, Grid Planning and Operations	
	Mr Timothy Tutt	Program Manager, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs	
	Dr Keith E. Casey	Vice President, Market Infrastructure Development	California Independent System Operator Corporation
	Mr John Goodin	Manager, Infrastructure and Regulatory Policy	
	Mr Keoni Almeida	Manager, Stakeholder and Industry Affairs	
Mr Clyde Loutan	Principle, Renewable Energy Integration		
27 September 2018 New York, USA	Dr Babak Enayati	Lead R&D Engineer, National Grid	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Power and Energy Society
	Dr Aleks Paaso	Manager, Emerging Technology, ComEd	
	Ms Sangeeta Ranade	Vice President, Clean Energy Business and Market Development	New York Power Authority
	Mr Dominick Luce	Vice President, Energy Efficiency	
	Mr Ben Cuozzo	Advanced Renewables Program Analyst	

	Mr Damian Sciano	Director of Distributed Resource Integration	Con Edison
	Mr Mark Torpey	Director, Research and Development	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
	Mr David Crudele	Program Manager, Smart Grid	
	Mr Ted Kelly	Assistant Counsel	New York State Public Service Commission
	Mr Andrew Owens	Electric Power System Platform Technology Manager, New York Power Authority	
	Ms Nicola Jones	Utility Engineer	
28 September 2018 New York, USA	Ms Sarah McKinley	Manager of State Outreach, Office of External Affairs	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
	Dr David Kathan	Senior Economist, Office of Energy Policy and Innovation	
	Ms Christy Walsh	Director, Division of Policy Development	
	Ms Valerie Teeter	Manager, Division of Policy Development	
	Mr Ben Foster	Senior Energy Industry Analyst	
	Mr Richard L. Kauffman	Chairman of Energy and Finance for New York	Office of Governor Cuomo
	Ms Victoria Harmon	Senior Advisor to the Chairman of Energy and Finance	
	Ms Marlene Motyka	US and Global Renewable Energy Leader	Deloitte
	Ms Suzanna Sanborn	Senior Manager, Market Insights, Energy and Resources	

	Mr Michael Cusick	Chair, Energy Committee	New York State Assembly
10 October 2018	Mr Alan Langford	Chief Economist	Bankwest
	Ms Nichola Holgate	General Manager, Corporate Affairs	

1.5 Public depositions

Given the large number of submissions the Committee received for its Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation, it trialled inviting people who had made submissions to the Inquiry to provide short three to five minute depositions. Like hearings, the details of these depositions were recorded by Hansard and the transcripts published on the Inquiry's website. The names of the 27 members of the public who provided these depositions are contained in Table 1.5.

Table 1.5: Witnesses who provided public depositions to the Committee: 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Date	Name	Position	Organisation
30 April 2019 Margaret River	Mr Grahaem Donovan	Shareholder and Director	Andabrook Pty Ltd, trading as Bunbury Apartment Motel and Bunbury Motel
	Mr Roderick Lisson	Chief Executive Officer	Footprints at Preston Beach
	Mrs Suzanne Keynes	Owner/Manager	Inn the Tuarts Guest Lodge
	Mrs Henrietta Hughes	Owner/Proprietor	Toby Inlet Bed and Breakfast
1 May 2019 Margaret River	Ms Karen Derbyshire	Manager	Marri Lodge and Cottages
	Mr David Moyes	Managing Director	Private Properties Australia Pty Ltd
	Mr Lewis Hawkins	Owner/Operator	Margaret River Chalets
	Mr Barry Green	Owner/Operator	Boronia Farm
	Ms Veronica Bruce	Resident	Busselton
	Mrs Christina Newton	Resident	Busselton
	Mrs Donna Seaton	Owner	Grange on Farrelly
12 June 2019	Dr Naomi Godden	Chair	Just Home Margaret River
	Mrs Suzanne O'Neill	Airbnb host	
	Mr Ian Hamer	Airbnb host	
	Mr Aravindhan Rajaratnam	Owner	Cozy Stay
	Mr Keith Gennoe	Airbnb superhost	

	Mr Jack Frater	Airbnb host	
	Mr Stephen Yarwood	Property Manager	Let Go Pty Ltd
	Mr Gehan Perera	Airbnb host	
	Mr Ian MacRae	Airbnb host	
	Mr George Jones	Airbnb host	
	Miss Margaret Gibson	Airbnb host	
	Mr David Darn	Airbnb host	
19 June 2019	Mrs Penelope Robins	Resident	Bullsbrook
	Mr Emiliano Barzotto	Managing Partner	Anchorage Guest House
	Mr Brian Spitteler	Proprietor	All About Margaret River Pty Ltd
	Mrs Samantha Reece	Director	WA Apartment Advocacy

1.6 Conferences and site visits

During the period 2018–19 the Committee did not attend any conferences.

The Committee undertook a site visit to BHP’s Nickel West Nickel Refinery in Kwinana to receive a briefing on its lithium mining operations on 20 August 2018. The site visit was for the purposes of conducting research and gathering evidence for the Committee’s Inquiry into Microgrids and Associated Technologies.

The Committee also met with the US Consul General, Ms Rachel Cooke, on 3 December 2018 to discuss the progress of its Inquiry into Microgrids and Associated Technologies.

1.7 Investigative travel

During the period 2018–19, the Committee travelled to the United States of America to receive briefings for its Inquiry into Microgrids and Associated Technologies in Western Australia. The Committee travelled to San Francisco, Sacramento and New York. It received 17 briefings from power companies such as Pacific Gas and Electric Company, system regulators such as the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and legislators such as the Chair of the New York State Assembly’s Energy Committee.

The Committee travelled to Margaret River between 30 April and 2 May 2019 for its Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation. It undertook eight public hearings and one closed hearing. A further two public sessions were held, which collected depositions from 12 people.

The costs of these two study trips are contained in Table 1.6.

Table 1.6: Study trips undertaken by the Committee, 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Date	Description	Attendees	Cost (\$)
September 2018	Microgrid Inquiry, California and New York	5 Committee members 1 staff member	136,157
April/May 2019	Short-Stay Accommodation Inquiry, Margaret River	4 Committee members 2 staff members 2 Hansard reporters	4,158

1.8 Impact of Smash Repair Industry Inquiry

In its response to *Western Australia's Smash Repair Industry: Structural Challenges* (the Committee's report for its Inquiry into Western Australia's Automotive Smash Repair Industry), the Government supported two of the report's three recommendations. The Government accepted the finding of the Committee that the Motor Vehicle Insurance and Repair Industry Code of Conduct is regarded as a positive initiative to reduce tensions between smash repairers and insurers. It could not make a commitment to implement the Committee's recommendation to immediately mandate the Code as its contents are not subject to Parliamentary oversight. Instead, further work to identify the most effective way of promoting the Code is being undertaken by the Government.

1.9 Work in progress

The Committee intends in August 2019 to adopt the reports for its two current inquiries: the Inquiry into Microgrids and Associated Technologies in Western Australia and the Inquiry into Short-Stay Accommodation in Western Australia.

Chapter 2

Financial statement

Expenditure of the Committee during the 2018–19 financial year.

2.1 Committee expenditure

The Economics and Industry Standing Committee does not have its own formal budget and it is funded out of the budget of the Legislative Assembly. Approval for major expenditure is required on a case-by-case basis and is subject to the approval of the Speaker.

The Committee is required, in accordance with Standing Order 276, to detail expenditure for the financial year 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019. The figures tendered below cover the full reporting period.

Table 2.1: Expenditure items of the Committee, 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Expenditure item	Expenditure (\$)
Advertising	3,563
Couriers	329
Consultants	5,000
Printing	1,412
Travel costs	140,315
Staff and Member amenities	1,137
TOTAL	151,756

Notes:

- Figures rounded to nearest dollar.
- Excluded are the salaries of Committee staff and the costs of shared administrative expenses, including lease costs for Committee accommodation.



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CHAIR

Appendix One

Committee's functions and powers

The functions of the Committee are to review and report to the Assembly on:

- a) the outcomes and administration of the departments within the Committee's portfolio responsibilities;
- b) annual reports of Government departments laid on the Table of the House;
- c) the adequacy of legislation and regulations within its jurisdiction; and
- d) any matters referred to it by the Assembly including a Bill, motion, petition, vote or expenditure, other financial matter, report or paper.

At the commencement of each Parliament and as often thereafter as the Speaker considers necessary, the Speaker will determine and table a schedule showing the portfolio responsibilities for each committee. Annual reports of Government departments and authorities tabled in the Assembly will stand referred to the relevant Committee for any inquiry the Committee may make.

Whenever a Committee receives or determines for itself fresh or amended terms of reference, the Committee will forward them to each Standing and Select committee of the Assembly and Joint Committee of the Assembly and Council. The Speaker will announce them to the Assembly at the next opportunity and arrange for them to be placed on the notice boards of the Assembly.



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