

Premier of Western Australia



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Ms Mia Betjeman Clerk Assistant Legislative Council Parliament House PERTH WA 6000



Dear Ms Betjeman

RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION

I refer to the Report entitled Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in Relation to the Overview of the Committee's Operations: Second Session of the Thirty-Sixth Parliament (August 2002 to November 2004) (the Report) which made a number of findings and observations which culminated in one recommendation.

This response addresses the recommendation made, which relates to the explanatory material that must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (the Committee) by departments or agencies immediately after a disallowable instrument is gazetted.

Recommendation 1

Recommendation 1: The Committee recommends that the Government continually monitor its departments and agencies to ensure that they fully comply with the Premier's Circular Number 4 of 2002, Subsidiary Legislation – Explanatory Memoranda.

The Government supports the recommendation and will take the steps to improve departments and agencies adherence to the Premier's Circular.

In particular, the Committee's recommendation will be raised at the next Strategic Management Council meeting, to remind Chief Executive Officers of the obligations outlined in Premier's Circular Number 4 of 2002.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for its comments and recommendation, and for all its hard work throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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