Notification under the
Financial Management Act 2006 section 82(1)(a)

Legislative Council Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Questions prior to 2018-19 Budget Estimates hearings

In relation to the Department of the Primary Industry and Regional Development, the Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked in relation to line item ‘remote swimming pools’ on page 177 of budget paper 3:

(2)(f) Please provide the scope of works and business cases for each project funded from the program?

I responded:

Documents provided in support of this funding allocation were submitted to the Expenditure Review Committee and are Cabinet in Confidence.

I also outlined the scope of works included in the projects.

In accordance with the Financial Management Act 2006 sections 82(1)(a) and 82(2), I notify the House of my decision that it is reasonable and appropriate not to provide the information being sought on the basis that the information is subject to public interest immunity.

The information being sought forms part of Cabinet deliberations as part of the 2018-19 Budget process.

Cabinet confidentiality is an essential part of the structure of Government and ensures that Cabinet members can freely exchange differing views as a necessary incidence of the maintenance of the principle of collective responsibility. My decision not to provide the information sought is a necessary consequence of upholding the importance of the principle of Cabinet confidentiality.

A copy of this notification is also being provided to the Auditor General in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Management Act 2006 section 82(1)(b).

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