Notification under the
Finacial 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 Premier and Cabinet, the Hon Colin de Grussa MLC asked:

(1)(c) What is the Department of Premier and Cabinet's target for completion of the VTSS?

I responded:

Agency targets are Cabinet-in-confidence and were provided as a guide to assist agencies and Ministers with implementation of the scheme. While the reductions will vary between agencies depending on factors like MoG changes, the size and role of individual agencies and other impacts, all agencies are expected to contribute in order to meet the overall reduction target of 3,000 employees.

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 policy options being prepared for Cabinet deliberation 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).

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

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