Notice Under Section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006

Pursuant to section 82(1)(a) of the Financial Management Act 2006, I give notice to both houses that I have decided not to provide information to Parliament in response to a question from the Hon Martin Aldridge MLC, through the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations prior to the hearing.

The information being sought was:

3 (c) What is the Police Force Target for FTE reduction in order to meet the forward estimates expectation?

I have decided 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 incident 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.

I have considered whether it is possible to provide a redacted copy of the information being sought from which the material subject to Cabinet confidentiality has been removed. I have determined that this is not possible.

The reasons set out above are provided in accordance with my obligations under section 82(2) of the Financial Management Act 2006. Notice is also being provided to the Auditor General in accordance with section 82(1)(b) of the Financial Management Act 2006.

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