Join us for an intimate dinner with WA Premier, the Hon Mark McGowan

Date: Thursday 22nd November 2018
Time: 7pm for 7:30pm start
Location: Sydney CBD – TBC upon registration
Tickets: $3000 + GST per person
$2000 + GST Labor Business Dialogue Discount
RSVP: emma.murphy@nswlabor.org.au or 02 9207 2000

Places are strictly limited so book your seat now!

Hi,

On behalf of NSW Labor General Secretary Kaila Murnain, I would like to offer the opportunity to attend an Intimate Dinner with Western Australia Premier Hon Mark McGowan.

This is your chance to hear more about the implementation of Labor’s plan in Western Australia.

Details are included below for your convenience.

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Please confirm your attendance via return email.

For more information or to register, please contact me.

Kind Regards,
Director, Business Communications and Fundraising
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22/01/2019

Our Ref: FOI Nahan – MRL

Your Ref: L18 - 2577

Hon Mike Nahan MLA
Leader of the Opposition
Parliament House
Perth, WA, 6000

Attn: Blair Stratton

Dear Dr Nahan,

FOI Application – MRL contracts with Southern Ports

I refer to your Freedom of Information Application dated and received by me on 13 December 2018. Following a search for relevant documentation held by Southern Ports I discussed this application by telephone with Mr Blair Stratton from your office as I considered that the original application and scope would divert a substantial and unreasonable portion of Southern Ports' resources away from its other operations. There were over 2500 potential documents that were considered to fall within the original scope. Following the discussions with Mr Stratton it was agreed to revise the original application and by letter dated 09/01/2019 I sent an agreed revised scope following those discussions. I received Mr Stratton’s agreement on 10/01/2019 accepting the revised scope with a few minor adjustments.

None of the information you are seeking is your personal information and it is therefore subject to an access charge. Pursuant to section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA) and the relevant regulations, I have estimated the access charge for this FOI request as follows:

1. Application fee: $30 (PAID ON 18/12/2018) Paid
2. Time to deal with the application: (90 hrs @ $30 per hr) $2700.00
3. Time for photocopying and photocopy charges $410.00
   (1000 pages @ 20c page and 7hrs of time @ $30 per hr)
Total: $3110.00
Can you please confirm to me that you would like to continue with this access application. Upon confirmation I will provide an invoice for the access charge based on the estimate set out above. If this confirmation is not received within 30 days, you will be regarded as having withdrawn your access application.

As previously advised, given the nature of your request, I expect that some of the documents may contain personal, commercial, legally privileged or other information or exempt matter. Unless it is practicable for that exempt matter to be redacted, then the documents cannot be released to you without the consent of the person/s whose information is contained in the documents. This consent will need to comply with the requirements of the relevant legislation. Where it is possible for the exempt matter to be redacted then the redactions will be made and, subject to the access charge having been paid, the documents will be provided to you.

As discussed with Mr Stratton it is probable that I will require an extension to the current decision due date of 28 January 2019.

Yours Sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer
Southern Ports
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This is the letter we sent...

From: Boucher, Leigh
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2018 12:41 PM
To: Farrell, Richard
Subject: Commercial In Confidence - FW: Radio Systems Replacement Project - Letter sent to the Commonwealth

This email's attachments were scanned for potential threats.

Click here if the original attachments are required (justification needed).

FYI

I have been working closely with Justin on this. We are around 2 weeks away from finalising contracts so there is no immediate impact to procurement timeframes / project delivery (just part of appropriate due diligence).

I expect Justin will apply appropriate pressure to ensure a speedy response and will let you know how things progress.

Assuming we get a thumbs up it would be good to discuss announcement strategy. The two schools of thought are probably:

1. 'Too hot to handle' and just let things move along without formal announcement of preferred proponent
2. 'Nothing to hide' and formal announcement as a sign of transparency and comfort

I'd appreciate your thoughts. I expect a measured Commonwealth response indicating general support rather than resounding support of the preferred proponent so I'm still leaning towards 'too hot to handle' as of today. What happens in the US / further media reporting may also have an impact i.e. there may be pressure to show our hand so proactive announcement may be a better option if that occurs.

Cheers

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Public transport radio communications upgrade

- Government awards tender to replace analogue radio system for Transperth network
- $136.1 million project will be in operation by early 2021
- Project vital to create a more efficient rail network and support future expansions

A contract to deliver a new digital radio system for Perth's urban rail system has been signed.

A joint venture of Huawei and UGL won the contract to deliver the system. The same JV has delivered a similar railway project in Sydney.

The existing analogue radio system allows voice communication but not data transmissions which are becoming important for train operations.

The project will involve installing new, or replacing existing, infrastructure, including towers/poles, with new digital friendly infrastructure. All radio devices will also be replaced.

Significant commissioning and testing will follow to ensure the new system integrates with existing ones used by the Public Transport Authority (PTA).

In setting out the security requirements for this project, the PTA sought advice from Commonwealth and State government agencies, and engaged a private security consultant which specialises in high-level cyber security.

Based on this advice PTA has built more than 80 functional requirements for cyber security into the project contract, and will employ robust strategies to ensure the security of PTA systems.

-Comments attributed to Transport Minister Rita Saffioti:

"This upgrade will support the expansion of passenger rail services in the Perth metropolitan area. It will deliver a number of benefits including improved transmission security as well as more flexibility to transmit not just audio but data as well.

"Operational security has been a key element of the procurement process. On several occasions the PTA has sought and received advice from Commonwealth agencies, and that advice has been considered in awarding this contract to Huawei."

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