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Minister for Local Government; Community Services;  
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Hon Ken Travers MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Travers *Ken*.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE PRIOR TO 2014-15 AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS Q2 a) TO d)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 17 November 2015 in which the Committee has asked if the Department of Local Government and Communities still collects, and can provide data, on the following efficiency indicators:

- Average cost per child and family service;
- Average cost per licenced child care service;
- Average cost per children and families project; and
- Average cost per women's project.

My correspondence dated 9 November 2015 provided equivalent results for the average cost per licenced child care service as there was a comparable indicator in the 2014-15 performance reporting framework and a result had been calculated.

However, for the three remaining indicators, no comparable indicators exist in the 2014-15 performance reporting framework. Efficiency indicators are typically calculated by dividing inputs by outputs. The inputs are a combination of direct expenditure and allocated Departmental overheads, which are, in turn, based on a cost-centre structure. In shifting to the 2014-15 performance reporting framework and following amalgamation of the former Department for Communities and Department of Local Government, the Department's cost centres were re-designed.

The Department is therefore unable to provide results for the selected indicators for the 2014-15 period.

Yours sincerely

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