



Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC
Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development; Jobs and Trade

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Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Chair

RELEASE OF CABINET DOCUMENT – BUSINESS CASE – AGLIME ROUTES

Further to my correspondence of 13 July 2018, I wish to advise that I have written to the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet seeking the consent of the former Government to release the business case to enable it to be tabled.

I have received a response from the Director of Cabinet Services advising that Dr Nahan MLA has denied the release of this document, citing the Cabinet documents are considered confidential to the government that created them. I have attached a copy of Dr Nahan's response for your information.

As a result of this response, I advise I am not able to provide a copy of the business case as requested by Hon Martin Aldridge, question 1 (a) during Budget Estimates 2018-19.

I am aware of my obligations under Section 82 of the Financial Management Act and will provide any notice required by that section to Parliament and to the Auditor General in accordance with the legislative requirements.

Kind regards

HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN MLC
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AGRICULTURE AND FOOD;
MINISTER ASSISTING THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, TRADE
AND JOBS

4 SEP 2018



Hon Mike Nahan MLA
Leader of the Opposition

Mr Nick Hagley
Director
Cabinet Services
Department of Premier and Cabinet
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Hagley

I refer to your request of 24 July 2018 to allow the release of documents that are Cabinet-in-Confidence to the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development.

As you are aware, both Governments and Oppositions do not, as a rule, release Cabinet-in-Confidence documents for which they have responsibility to approve the release of.

There is a long standing tradition that access to Cabinet records is restricted 30 years.

Accordingly, the Opposition does not agree to the release of the Cabinet documents you have asked to be released.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Nahan".

Mike Nahan
Leader of the Opposition

31 AUG 2018

**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 'AgLime Routes' on page 225 of budget paper 3:

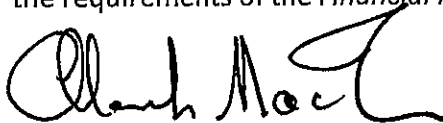
(1)(a) *Would the Minister provide the business case for this project?*

I responded:

This project was approved by Cabinet under the previous government and consistent with the practice of the previous government the business case is considered Cabinet-in-confidence.

I have written to the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet seeking the consent of the Leader of the former Government for the release of this document. On 31 August 2018 I received advice from the Director of Cabinet Services that consent from Hon Dr Nahan, for the release of the document was denied, therefore I am unable to provide the business case as requested by Hon Martin Aldridge. I attach a copy of the correspondence received.

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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