



## MINISTER FOR FINANCE; MINES AND PETROLEUM

Our Ref: 42-73787

Hon Ken Travers MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

**Attn: Mr Mark Warner, Committee Clerk**

Dear Mr Travers

### 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS

Thank you for your letter dated 20 October 2015 providing questions for the Department of Finance, submitted prior to the 2014-15 Annual Report Hearings scheduled to be held on 7 to 10 December 2015.

Please find attached answers to those questions.

A decision to progress the Fremantle decentralisation initiative is to be considered by the Government prior to the end of 2015. The information related to the Fremantle expression of interest process is to remain confidential until this decision is known.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR FINANCE; MINES AND PETROLEUM**

Att. 6 NOV 2015

## ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

### 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING

#### Department of Finance

##### Hon Sue Ellery MLC asked:

I refer to page 2 of the Annual Report that states the Department is “*assisting over 120 state government entities in the planning, procurement and management of over 555,000 square metres of office accommodation*” and I ask –

Regarding the expressions of interest for office accommodation in Fremantle:

- (a) What is the timeframe?
- (b) What are the processes?
- (c) What work needs to be done?
- (d) What are the costings associated with this office accommodation and relocation?

Answer:

(a) On 5 August 2015, the expression of interest (EOI) was advertised for the provision of up to 20,000 sqm of new office accommodation in Fremantle with proposals invited to be submitted to the Department of Finance by 1 September 2015. If proposals are considered to demonstrate value-for-money, the shortlisted proponents may be invited to submit more detailed information under a restricted request for proposal process in 2016.

(b-d) Following an EOI process, submissions are extensively evaluated by the Department of Finance. If proposals are considered to demonstrate value-for-money, shortlisted proponents are invited to submit more detailed information under a restricted request for proposal (RFP) process. This involves the Department of Finance confirming agencies' office accommodation space requirements, issuing and then evaluating the RFP responses. Following a decision from government to proceed, commercial terms are negotiated and lease documents prepared and executed. At that point construction of the premises may commence. Finally fitout works would be carried out and the tenants would be able to occupy the building.

The costings associated with the office accommodation and relocation would depend on the outcome of these processes.