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STANDING COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Inquiry into the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme

The Standing Committee on Public Administration has commenced an inquiry into the Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) in Western Australia.

The Committee will inquire into:

- 1) how adequately PATS delivers assistance to regional people accessing specialist medical care, including:
 - a) the level of funding applied to the transport and accommodation subsidies provided;
 - b) eligibility for PATS funding;
 - c) the administration process;
 - d) whether there is consideration of exceptional circumstances; and
- 2) any incidental matter.

Hon Liz Behjat, Chair of the Committee, said, 'the Committee is keen to inquire into, and report to Parliament on, the adequacy of the PATS scheme.'

The Committee invites written submissions from interested people. A submission must address the terms of reference. Submissions are due by Friday, 16 May 2014.

Written information about the form and content of submissions can be obtained from the Committee Office or viewed on Parliament's website at www.parliament.wa.gov.au. Submissions should be addressed to Ms Lauren Mesiti, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Public Administration, Legislative Council, Parliament House, Perth WA 6000 (fax 9222 7805).

Media inquiries can be addressed to the Hon Liz Behjat MLC, Chair, on 0419 510 166. Other inquiries should be addressed to Ms Lauren Mesiti, Committee Clerk, on 9222 7376 or at lcpac@parliament.wa.gov.au.

Hon Liz Behjat MLC
Chairman