



Premier of Western Australia

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Hon. Tjorn Sibma MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Parliament House
Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005


Dear Chair

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATE AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS REPORT NO.82: The Local Projects Local Jobs Program and the Establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations has asked that I respond the report named above.

I acknowledge the report is confirmation that Local Job, Local Projects was a mechanism through which election commitments made by Labor Candidates at the 2017 election were delivered. Further, the report notes that the bulk of these commitments were delivered in the first three years of government as promised. Specifically:

The purpose of the program was to implement 859 pre-election project commitments into the community at a cost of approximately \$39.1 million.

I also note that the Committee confirmed that the implementation of the program was both professional and transparent.

The Committee has found that the administering departments implemented the Government's LPLJ program in a professional, transparent and accountable manner.

The Government response to the report is as follows:

1. In relation to Recommendations 1 and 2; The Government notes the Committee's recommendation to consider the value of a formal policy for administering election commitments and to consider the value of developing a similar set of guidelines to the Commonwealth Grants Rules for Western Australia.
2. In relation to Recommendations 3 thru 23; The Government notes the Committee's recommendation to create a Parliamentary Budget Office.

The Government thanks the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations for its Report No. 85 and acknowledges the diligence of the Committee Members and staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan', with a long, sweeping tail.

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

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