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Hon Ken Baston MLC
Minister for Agriculture and Food

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

Dear Mr Travers

**REQUEST TO PUBLISH REDACTED INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND FOOD (DAFWA) STAFF MEMBERS TAKING
VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE**

I thank you for your letter of 12 September 2014 regarding the publication of information I provided in June 2014 on DAFWA officers who took voluntary severance payments.

As noted in your letter, I requested at that time that the information not be published as the combination of information provided, especially that regarding the officers' locations and the reasons for their severance, would allow some individuals to be identified.

I understand your Committee's efforts to provide consistency in the information it publishes on this matter, and I believe that the redacted information that you now propose to publish significantly reduces the likelihood of individuals being identified.

As such, I see no reason why the redacted information, as set out in your letter dated 12 September 2014, should not be published.

Yours sincerely

KEN BASTON MLC
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

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30 SEP 2014

ATTACHMENT 1: Redacted information.

Position title, region and age for all staff receiving voluntary severance.

Position Title	Region	Age
Administration Officer	Metropolitan	62
Administration Officer	Metropolitan	65
Administration Officer	Metropolitan	70
Administration Officer	Northern Agricultural Region	44
Administration Officer	South West Agricultural Region	60
Agricultural Operative	Rangelands	65
Agricultural Operative	South West Agricultural Region	62
Biosecurity Officer	Southern Agricultural Region	35
Biosecurity Officer	Southern Agricultural Region	56
Business Services Officer	South West Agricultural Region	49
Coordinator	Northern Rangelands	34
Customer Service Officer	Central Agricultural Region	58
Customer Service Officer	Rangelands	57
Development Officer	Metropolitan	74
Development Officer	Northern Agricultural Region	39
Director	Metropolitan	61
Economist	Metropolitan	53
Economist	Metropolitan	63
Finance Officer	Metropolitan	59
Inspector In Charge	Metropolitan	63
Manager	Metropolitan	61
Manager	Metropolitan	66
Manager	Rangelands	63
Manager	South West Agricultural Region	57
Market Analyst	Metropolitan	65
Officer	Metropolitan	42
Officer	Metropolitan	54
Officer	Metropolitan	56
Officer	Metropolitan	64
Principal Research Officer	Metropolitan	64
Principal Research Officer	Metropolitan	65
Project Officer	Metropolitan	56

Position Title	Region	Age
Project Officer	Metropolitan	64
Regional Director	Southern Agricultural Region	60
Research Officer	Metropolitan	35
Research Officer	Metropolitan	38
Research Officer	Metropolitan	48
Research Officer	Metropolitan	54
Research Officer	Metropolitan	60
Research Officer	Metropolitan	63
Research Officer	South West Agricultural Region	48
Scientific Officer	Metropolitan	43
Senior Administration Officer	Central Agricultural Region	65
Senior Development Officer	Metropolitan	61
Senior Development Officer	South West Agricultural Region	61
Senior Economist	Metropolitan	62
Senior Finance Officer	Metropolitan	62
Senior Finance Officer	Metropolitan	68
Senior Policy Officer	Metropolitan	61
Senior Policy Officer	Metropolitan	64
Senior Research Officer	Metropolitan	46
Senior Research Officer	Metropolitan	62
Senior Research Officer	Southern Agricultural Region	60
Senior Research Officer	Southern Agricultural Region	63
Senior Technical Officer	Central Agricultural Region	54
Senior Technical Officer	Metropolitan	62
Senior Technical Officer	South West Agricultural Region	62
Support Officer	Metropolitan	60
Support Officer	Metropolitan	64
Support Officer	Metropolitan	66
Technical Officer	Central Agricultural Region	56
Technical Officer	Metropolitan	32
Technical Officer	Metropolitan	57
Technical Officer	Metropolitan	60
Technical Officer	Metropolitan	63
Technical Officer	Metropolitan	63
Technical Officer	Metropolitan	68

Position Title	Region	Age
Technical Officer	South West Agricultural Region	60
Technical Officer	Southern Agricultural Region	67
Telephonist	Metropolitan	74
Veterinary Officer	Rangelands	61