



## Minister for Housing; Racing and Gaming

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

Dear Mr Travers

### **GENERIC QUESTIONS - 2016-17 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ESTIMATES HEARINGS**

Thank you for your letter regarding generic questions for the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor as part of the 2016-17 Budget Estimates hearings process.

Attached are responses to the questions.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter please contact Ms Andrea Martin, Ministerial Liaison Officer, at my ministerial office on 6552 6100 or at [Andrea.Martin@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Andrea.Martin@dpc.wa.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR HOUSING; RACING AND GAMING**

Att

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## **ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### **Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor**

#### **The Committee asked:**

#### **Agency Expenditure Review program**

- 1.1) How will the savings measures identified in the Budget be achieved by your agency?
- 1.2) What are the risk to achieving the savings identified?
- 1.3) Are there any low priority programs your agency is ceasing or reducing? If so, please provide details.

Answer (for 1.1 to 1.3): As part of the 2016-17 Budget, the Government announced a third tranche of Agency Expenditure Reviews (AERs) to apply to 54 agencies and deliver savings commencing in 2017-18. The objective of AERs is to ensure that, as circumstances change over time, the programs delivered by agencies remain a Government priority and continue to be delivered in an efficient and effective manner. Savings allocations are to be held at a global level until allocated to agencies as part of the 2016-17 Mid-year Review, with specific savings measures to be announced as part of the 2017-18 Budget. Agency measures to achieve allocated savings will be developed for consideration in the 2017-18 Budget process.

#### **National partnership agreements**

- 1.4) Please provide a list of:
  - all national partnership agreements under which your agency receives funding
  - the expiry dates of those agreements
  - how much was received in 2015-16 under the agreements and the budgeted amount for 2016-17
- 1.5) Please provide details of the value of the impact on your agency's budget resulting from the expiry of those agreements.
- 1.6) Will the State be making up the loss in funding resulting from the expiry of agreements?
- 1.7) If so, how and, if not, please provide details of any cuts that will need to be made and the implications for service delivery by your agency.

Answer (for 1.4 to 1.7): Please refer to Budget Paper 3, Chapter 4 'General Government Revenue' (pp. 81-88) and Appendix 13 (p. 311). Appendix 13 provides a summary list of all National Partnership Agreements (NPAs) and includes funding figures and expiry dates.

As noted in Appendix 13, the NPAs are time limited and it is assumed in the Budget that there is no continued funding (Commonwealth or State) past an NPA's expiry

date and that any additional or enhanced services generated by the NP will cease (unless otherwise identified by footnote (c)).

### **Commonwealth grants**

- 1.8) Please provide the same information requested for national partnership agreements above for any commonwealth grants received by your agency

Answer: Please refer to Budget Paper 3, Chapter 4 'General Government Revenue' (pp. 87-88) and Appendix 2 'General Government Operating Revenue' (p. 235) for details of all Commonwealth grants to the State. General revenue grants and National Specific Purpose Payments are intended to be ongoing.

### **10 year Strategic Asset Investment Plans**

- 1.9) Please provide a copy of your 10 year Strategic Asset Investment Plan.

Answer: Strategic Asset Plans (SAPs) are prepared for Treasury as part of the Budget process to inform decision making by the Economic and Expenditure Reform Committee and Cabinet. Disclosure of these plans would reveal the deliberations and decisions of both bodies and are therefore considered Cabinet-in-Confidence. Until such time as specific programs within a SAP have been considered and approved to proceed they remain indicative. Additionally and understandably 10 year SAPs are subject to a wide variety of exigencies including but not limited to priorities of the government of the day; changes in circumstances; changes in technologies and external events.

### **Infrastructure requirements**

- 1.10) What are your agency's infrastructure requirements for the next 10 years?

Specifically:

- What infrastructure needs to be replaced, upgraded or built to meet demand?
- What allocation has been made in the Budget for the planning and delivery of these requirements? Is the allocation in capital works?
- In what timeframe will the requirements be delivered?

Answer: Please see Answer to 1.9. Funded infrastructure programs are detailed for each agency in the Asset Investment Program section of their financial statements as reported in Budget Paper No. 2. These programs currently cover the period 2016-17 to 2019-20. Any infrastructure requirements outside this period are subject to further budget deliberations and remain Cabinet-in-Confidence.

### **Sale of Vehicles**

- 1.11) Has your agency sold any vehicles as part of the Agency Expenditure Review Program in 2016-17?

Answer: No.

1.12) If so how many?

Answer: Not applicable.

1.13) What is the total proceeds of sale and how have those funds been allocated?

Answer: Not applicable.

1.14) What has been the impact on agency staff (i.e. what alternative travel arrangements have been made for their transport?

Answer: Not applicable.

1.15) What has been the cost of any alternative travel arrangements compared to the cost of retaining the vehicles?

Answer: Not applicable.

### **Full Time Contract Staff**

1.16) What is the total number of staff in your agency for 2016-17?

Answer: 102.

1.17) What proportion are engaged in:

i) A contract of service (permanent staff)?

Answer: 96.

ii) A contract for services (contractors)?

Answer: 6.

1.18) Of those that are engaged by a contract for services, please explain why they are not engaged as permanent staff.

Answer: One is a contract database administrator (DBA) that provides services to a cluster of agencies with the DRGL as the lead agency. None of the individual agencies has a need for a full time DBA. Two officers have been contracted to cover periods of maternity leave taken by substantive occupants of position. One contract is filling a temporary vacancy created by the substantive performing long term higher duties, another is back filling for an extended period of leave without pay. The final one is a vacant position this will be filled from an existing recruitment pool shortly now the recruitment freeze has been lifted.

The other is a level 3 officer who was engaged on a fixed term contract to fill a vacancy created by leave without pay. The officer has been selected in a recruitment pool and will be placed in a permanent position shortly.

- 1.19) What is the cost to your agency of engaging contractors, including contract preparation, negotiation, payroll modifications (i.e. where the contracts are renewed for staff on 6 month contracts) and the cost of HR staff who manage the contracts?

Answer: All contracts are prepared and managed internally - setup costs are in the order of three hours labour (\$120) with one hour setup required within the payroll system (\$40). There are no additional management costs.

- 1.20) Are staff employed as contractors paid at a different rate to those who are permanent employees in a similar role and, if so, provide details and explain why?

Answer: No.

### **Media Monitoring**

- 1.21) How much does you agency spend on media monitoring, for example, newspaper clippings?

Answer: Nil.

- 1.22) Who provides this service to your agency?

Answer: Not applicable.

- 1.23) What types of media monitoring services are provided to your agency? Please provide details.

Answer: The Agency receives a free transcript service from GMO relating to radio media only.

- 1.24) On what basis is this service provided, i.e. ongoing contract or on a fee for service basis? Please provide details.

Answer: The GMO service has been provided for approximately the past six years at no fee to the Agency.

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