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Estimates and Financial Operations Committee: Inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs Program and the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office

The Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations has commenced an ***Inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs program and the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office***.

The Committee invites written submissions from interested persons. A submission must address one or both of the specific terms of reference for the Committee's inquiry, as follows:

- The Committee is to inquire into the Government's *Local Projects Local Jobs program*, with particular reference to the following —
 - (a) how each project was developed, evaluated and selected for funding;
 - (b) how payments were made and acquitted under each project to ensure financial probity and accountability;
 - (c) how actual or perceived conflicts of interest were declared and managed under each project;
 - (d) the number of projects funded and for each project the amount of funding provided and number of jobs created;
 - (e) whether community, education, arts and sporting groups within the State were afforded an equal opportunity to access the program;
 - (f) whether funding to the program affected the quantum of funds available for grants or other funding sources for community, education, arts and sporting groups within the State and if so in what way; and
 - (g) any other related matter.
- The Committee is to also inquire into the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office for the independent costing of election promises and related purposes.

If you would like to appear before the Committee in support of your submission, you should make that request when your submission is lodged.

Submissions close at **5.00pm** on **Tuesday, 30 April 2019**.

Once your submission has been sent to the Committee it is confidential and you should not disclose it to others.

If you wish for your submission or your name not to be published by the Committee, please attach your request to your submission when it is lodged.

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 (Choose Committees / Legislative Council Guide to Making Submissions to a Parliamentary Committee).

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