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Dear Mr Collier

I refer to Report 87 of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, *Consideration of the 2022-23 Budget Estimates*, provided to the Government on 11 October 2022.

The Government's response to the recommendations made in the Committee's report is attached.

Thank you for bringing the Committee's recommendations to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan'.

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER; TREASURER

Att.

19 DEC 2022

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS – REPORT 87:
CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Recommendation 1: The Treasurer direct the Department of Treasury to include the outyears for each special purpose account listed in the relevant Appendix in the *Economic and Fiscal Outlook*.

Supported.

Treasury will ensure this information is included in future Budgets.

Recommendation 2: The Treasurer direct the Department of Treasury to explicitly identify funding from major special purposes accounts in an agency's asset investment program 'funded by' section and the financial statements.

Supported.

Treasury will ensure this information is included in future Budgets.

Recommendation 3: Relevant Ministers listed in Table 6 consider issuing a notice under section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006 for those occasions of non-provision of information due to claims of Cabinet confidentiality, commercial confidentiality, agency resourcing issues and preparation for Parliament.

Noted.

Ministers will be reminded that where applicable, a notice in line with section 82 of the *Financial Management Act 2006* is required to be tabled.

Recommendation 4: Attending Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries re-familiarise themselves with the Committee's procedure policy for conducting budget estimates hearings.

Noted.

Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries will familiarise themselves with the Committee's procedural policies.

MINISTERS IDENTIFIED IN TABLE 6 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS REPORT– CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES

- Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Agriculture and Food;
- Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Emergency Services;
- Hon. Mark McGowan MLA, Treasurer;
- Hon. Dave Kelly MLA, Minister for Forestry;
- Hon. John Carey MLA, Minister for Housing;
- Hon. Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Child Protection;
- Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Health;
- Hon. John Quigley MLA, Attorney General; and
- Hon. Paul Papalia MLA, Minister for Road Safety.